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A WALK WITH ST DAVID!



Celebrating St David's Day in Cardiff! See story on page 3, and images on page 12.

Welsh WASPIs head for a big Budget day showdown

YESTERDAY (Wednesday, Barry, featured recently in *The March 8 - International Women's Day and Budget Day*), WASPI supporters went to London to lobby the Chancellor Philip Hammond.

WASPI stands for 'Women from Bridgend and the Cardiff area picking up supporters along the M4 corridor as we make our way towards London.'

As The GEM was going to press yesterday, Kay Clarke of



Kay Clarke - lobbying the UK Government.

Government would respond to their pleas.

JAILED BARRY GRAN WHO GAVE CHILD VALIUM

REPORT by AJ SICLUNA

A CHILD found by the police in a house in Barry appeared to be lifeless after his grandmother had given him street-bought Valium, it was stated at Cardiff Crown Court.

The woman involved, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was found guilty of administering the sedative, and was jailed for nine months.

The child's mother admitted five charges of neglecting the infant and was also jailed for nine months, but the sentence was suspended for two years.

She was also ordered to carry out 250 hours unpaid work.

The grandmother was told by Judge Philip Harris-Jenkins: "You showed no remorse or insight into the effect on that child."

Prosecutor Mike Hammett said that on June 3 last year, police went to an address in Barry after a disturbance was reported.

The premises were in darkness and it appeared no-one was there.

But they found a child

in bed who appeared to be lifeless. He was eventually roused and taken to a place of safety.

It was later revealed that the grandmother had been taking Valium and had given some to the child. Also present when the drug was given was the mother.

The court heard that the house was dirty and in a state of disarray.

The mother was said to have a conviction for criminal damage and the grandmother for possessing drugs, handling stolen property, violent disorder and battery.

Alex Greenwood, for the grandmother, said: "All this occurred at a time of great distress and emotional turbulence."

"On the day in question, she had taken alcohol and prescription drugs. In her induced state, she gave a small portion of Valium to that young person who fell asleep."

"She maintains her innocence."

He said she had had a chaotic start in life and

with help."

The Judge said the child was "an engaging little boy."

He told the pair: "Both of you placed your own needs over the child's safety. He was taken to a safe place and was not physically hurt."

"Neither of you was in a fit state to look after the child and the condition of the home was filthy. There was evidence of long-term neglect of the child and the risk of harm to the child was high."

"The Valium had been bought on the street and could have contained anything. There was high culpability."

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ENGLISH TEST

THE High Court says that minicab drivers must pass a written English test. Meanwhile, until Brexit, EU doctors, who are arguably more important, can work here – whether their English is good or bad.
R Bradshaw,
Cowbridge

Legacy of the council?

INOTE that once again the Vale Council leader, Coun Neil Moore, has been trying to promote the good deeds the council has done over the past few years.

Mr Moore mentions education, and the so-called £85 million spent in the school investment programme. He must have forgotten to mention the job cuts made to staff over this period, including teachers.

Mr Moore makes great play in stating once again that the Vale Council has for the past two years been assessed as the best performing council in Wales. He praises the dedication

and commitment of the staff – would this be the staff sacked to save money?

He also states that there has been a marked difference in the way people think about the Vale Council.

He believes that there is more pride and confidence than before, but I have spoken to many people and a lot of the comments I get you could not print.

It has been suggested that the Christmas lights in the High Street may not appear this year, as funding has been slashed by £1,500.

If so, how can he justify spending £30,000 of taxpayers' money on computer tablets for councillors?
D J Radford, Barry.

Black-ice biker says 'thank you' after accident

ON February 28, I had an accident on my motorcycle at the Pentre Meurig junction on the A48, due to black ice.

By using your newspaper as a medium, I would like to thank everyone who helped me that morning.

I remember one lady, who I believe was a doctor, and some other members of the public who stayed and helped

me until the ambulance arrived. Someone also donated a duvet, which was kind and most welcome.

On a second point, the NHS always seem to get a lot of bad publicity, but in my case, the ambulance crew and the A&E staff at the Princess of Wales Hospital were fantastic – and again, my thanks go to them.

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Michael Fantham, Bridgend

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When will the Cardiff Airport stop being used as a political football?

HOW sad, and somewhat irritating, that so many of your GEM readers have completely missed the point of the T9 Airport Shuttle.

It is of no consequence to the public how many, or how few passengers these buses carry, since they were bought for the redevelopment of Cardiff Airport and come out of a different budget to the local buses.

I have regularly walked around Bristol city centre and seen their equivalent shuttle bus driving around as equally empty as Cardiff's at times, but to my knowledge, the Bristol public do not rage about it being a waste of money; in fact, every airport with a city centre several miles away, uses a similar facility.

It's what you expect as a passenger when you fly into an airport.

Speaking of empty (or near empty) buses driving around, I have quite often seen the newly-reinstated Rhooose to Cardiff bus containing mostly pensioners and young teenagers – who don't pay any fare or if they do, only half the fare.

Whereas every airport passenger who uses this bus pays £5 to travel to the city centre.

I just wonder when the airport will stop being used as a political football. Seeing as Mr Dennis Harkness is interested in average figures (a recent letter was titled 'Phantom passengers') here are a few figures that he might be interested in – the bus has 13,200 passengers a month on average, which equates to £66,000 a month or £800,000 a year.

The airport currently brings £100 million into

'Sour grapes'

ITHOUGHT the letter from Mr CF Nowell in The GEM recently was on the sour grapes side.

Our posties do a marvellous job in all weathers and to have a knock-back like that, I think, is very insulting.

The vans are not there all day. Would the writer prefer not to have mail delivered to the door, and collect his own mail in all weathers?

We have already lost the post office after a great fight. Please don't condemn anything else to close.
P Hill, Barry.

DA IAWN!

WELL done, Morrisons for a great idea to celebrate St David's Day!

How pleasant it was to walk into the store in Barry on Wednesday

and be wished 'Happy St David's Day' and given a lovely Welsh daffodil.

What a wonderful example for others to follow!

Carol Grant

the Welsh economy and is the biggest provider of jobs in the Vale at 2,600. If Alun Cairns MP had put up more of a fight for the devolution of Air Passenger Tax (APD), then the airport could have provided 3,600 more jobs and £870 million into the Welsh economy (Bristol Airport's figures, not mine).

As the airport is the biggest employer in the Vale, and is recouping taxpayers' investment into the economy, it should be protected and its shuttle bus not used to score points.

Isn't it time our politicians worked towards the common goal of improving Wales – or are we always going to be the poor relation to the rest of the UK?

Why have both Scotland and Northern Ireland had the Air Passenger Duty devolved to them, and they are going to reduce it to zero!

It is ironic that if APD had been devolved to Wales, the buses would actually be full.
(Name and address supplied).

Consultation – or lip service?

PUBLIC consultation – or just a way of paying lip service? It seems the council have already decided on their course of action before putting it before the public.

A recent example of this was the approval to build three bungalows on a tiny green space on the corner of Francis Road, Barry.

There was one consultation, and of all the householders that

attended – only one was in favour of the development.

A couple of years ago, when the public were consulted on ideas for an iconic build on Barry Island, I put forward the vision of building an iconic tower of some 7-8,000 feet high with a revolving restaurant and viewing gallery.

Every councillor I spoke with said it was a great idea. What did they build? A car park.
G Price, Barry

'Thank you'

JUST a few lines to thank the kind persons who assisted my wife after she tripped on the kerbing around the Cowbridge Town Hall car park on Wednesday morning, receiving considerable damage to her face and hand.

They escorted her to the Tenovus shop in the high street and then contacted me at home.

Unfortunately, they did not leave a forwarding telephone number, so we have not been able to thank them properly for their kind assistance.

Hoping they read this letter and accept our thanks.
J and E Townsend, Llansannor.

'Brexit means sanctions'

'Alternative facts' present a major challenge to society, the economy and the environment.

There are some who are more interested in winning an argument than facts, figures, and the well-being of others in our society.

A letter published in The GEM recently stated: 'According to the BBC, leaving the EU will create 400,000 jobs.' Visiting the BBC's website, I found that the BBC had simply reported that 'Change Britain' (formerly 'Vote Leave') had claimed Brexit would create 400,000 jobs.

This projection was based on mythical future trade deals with countries like South Korea – with whom we currently have a trade deal due to our membership of the EU.

The BBC's analysis ... concluded that the projection 'makes very little sense.'

Manufacturers, including Ford, are concerned by Brexit and the UK leaving the EU's customs union.

Complex supply chains result in many components crossing our border multiple times, with just-in-time deliveries that are incompatible with delays and tariffs at customs.

Fine margins mean that jobs are likely to be lost in manufacturing, as well as banking and services.

Brexit means self-inflicting economic and social sanctions.

UK foreign aid (often raised alongside Brexit) is not an EU matter, but one for the sovereign

UK Parliament and Government. Foreign aid is a very complex way of winning influence around the world and meeting our obligations, eg paying the pensions of former British Colonial Officers in Hong Kong, etc.

A considerable amount of foreign aid never actually leaves the UK, assisting refugees and asylum seekers living here and funding internationally focused projects for our schools.

Much is paid to British companies for services and products, creating employment in Wales, and advantaging them in foreign markets.

UK foreign aid funds scholarships for foreign students to attend university in Wales; Cardiff has four universities.

Students from diverse backgrounds add much to learning, understanding and peer development. This money employs lecturers, etc and ends up in the Welsh economy.

Spending targets set by the UK Government do result in mispending – but the tabloid press are more interested in generating controversy and sales than informed discussion.

Democracy and governance does not have to result in any side losing, or one side winning. It should be about informed discussion, compromising and reaching consensus.

The UK Government is failing us.
Ian Perry, St Nicholas.

Crossing at the Witchell

AFTER meeting local residents, I would like to say just how much I concur with their desire to bring a new crossing to the Witchell area of Barry.

We desperately need to stop the parking problems outside the Barry Road Post Office and bring much-needed crossing and traffic calming measures to make it safer here.

I have been campaigning for about three years to bring improved road safety at this location, and have even collected a well

supported petition.

It is a great pity that although Labour have controlled the Vale Council for the past five years, they have ignored the wishes of local residents.

It is on the list of priorities I have made for my area and I hope that the Vale Council will finally do something and make this location safer for both motorists and pedestrians alike.

How many more accidents and near-misses have to happen before something is finally done?

Coun Richard Bertin, Independent, Vale of Glamorgan Council.

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BARRY FOLK ATTEND CARDIFF'S GREAT 'ST DAVID'S DAY PARADE'

WEDNESDAY, March 1 saw crowds gather to watch the eighteenth St David's Day Parade through Cardiff City Centre, and people from Barry were at the head of the march.

Leading the parade and holding the Flag of St David, was David Peterson one of the organisers; behind him was St David himself, ably portrayed by Meic Peterson from Cardiff.

Next came Sam the piper and behind him were the four Barry bell ringers, Bobbie, Karen, Dawn and Meredith, sounding the Saint's bells, one of which is a copy of St David's bell, Bangu.

They were all crafted by David Peterson, who is an artist blacksmith (and who also created the dragon which appears on top of the City Hall).

Following on were three groups of flag bearers, flying St David's yellow cross on a black background, our Y Ddraig Gich and Owain Glyndwr's ensign.

There was also a banner bearing the crest of the 'Princes of Wales' and a couple of bands adding some rhythm to the proceedings.

Chris Colman the Welsh football manager and his family also participated.

Everyone who attended was keen to keep our Patron Saint's day alive.

As there was no funding available the parade was on an entirely voluntary basis and all were welcome to take part. If people would like to join us next year look up our website for contact details.

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AND KAREN MORTIMER-BROWN



The Barry ladies with the parade as it moves onto Queen Street in Cardiff.

RIGHT: Welsh football team manager Chris Coleman with march organiser David Peterson.



LEFT: (left to right) Bobbie Booker, Meredith Turner, Dawn Turner and Karen Mortimer-Brown.

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RAMBLERS TAKE STOCK OF THE BAY

BECAUSE of the bad weather forecast, Barrie from Penarth and District Ramblers decided to cancel his planned walk to Garwnant for another day – and instead, turned up at Cogan – just in case anyone fancied a stroll around Cardiff Bay!

As luck would have it, four ramblers and Pepper the spaniel turned up on a rather dismal, but dry morning, and set off towards Marconi Avenue. The leader decided to do the circular tour of the Bay back to front, so that if the weather worsened, the wind and rain would be on their backs.

Passing a variety of safely-moored boats in Penarth Marina, the Custom House and across the Cardiff Barrage, the group crossed an open area which led on towards the skate park and the

Doctor Who Experience, with views towards Porth Teigr and its purpose-built drama studios.

The familiar sights of the Scott Memorial, Norwegian Church, the Senedd, Pierhead building, Wales Millennium Centre and Roald Dahl Plass led them to Mermaid Quay and a morning coffee in one of the many cafes.

Continuing past St David's Hotel and into the wetlands, created as a compensation for the old salt marshes and the mudflats which were destroyed when the Barrage was built, the group passed several modern works of art and a gateway led them into Hamadryad Park.

It was named after a Royal Navy ship commandeered as a makeshift hospital to treat sick seamen entering the port of Cardiff, which ran successfully until a purpose built hospital, The Royal Hamadryad took over in 1905. The path then led them

onto Clarence Embankment.

They crossed the River Taff by means of Clarence Road Bridge and followed the perimeter of the west side of the Bay, passing below tall blocks of apartments, and then the International Sports Village. Pont y Werin brought them across the River Ely.

They made their way uphill for the short journey along Windsor Road back to their start point.

On March 11, meet at 9am at Cogan Leisure Centre for an eight-mile moderate walk from the Brecon Beacons Visitor Centre taking in Mynydd Illtud and Cefn Llechid; contact Liz on 029 2051 3698.

Programmes and membership advice can be obtained from Pam on 029 2025 5102.

JOY STRANGWARD

Teenager dies after cliff fall

A Penarth schoolboy has died in hospital after falling from a cliff.

Miller Coyle, aged 15, a pupil at Stanwell Comprehensive School died from his injuries at the University Hospital of Wales in Cardiff one week after the fall.

A police spokeswoman said: "South Wales Police can confirm that a 15-year-old boy who is believed to have fallen from a cliff at Lavernock Point, Sully, has died from his injuries.

"The boy, who sustained life-threatening injuries during the incident on Sunday, February 26, passed away at the University Hospital of Wales on Sunday evening March 5.

"His next of kin have been informed and a file is being prepared for HM Coroner."

Cadoxton WI at Blaenavon

THE first trip of the year for Cadoxton WI was on February 24, when members, using the VEST transport, had a lovely day at Blaenavon.

First stop was the Rhymney Brewery, where members were met by Susan who, with her family, runs the Blaenavon Cheese Company. They had a fascinating insight into the making of the cheeses, and also the work the family undertakes as ambassadors for Wales.

Cheese tasting was followed by a sampling of Rhymney beers. There was little time left to enjoy the other delights of Blaenavon. All the members voted to return and sample the afternoon tea, which looked very inviting.

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Barry man (44) escapes jail after attacking partner

A hairdresser who attacked his partner of 20 years when armed with a wine glass, has escaped prison at Cardiff Crown Court.

Joseph Turner, 44, pleaded guilty to wounding Neil Chidzey, with whom he was in a civil partnership and was jailed for 21 months, the sentence suspended for 18 months.

Judge Jeremy Jenkins told Turner, who had cried throughout most of the hearing: "I am satisfied that you are today genuinely remorseful for what you did."

The judge said that from a photograph of the wound, he detected a hole in the victim's neck.

Turner, of Brendan View Close, Rhoose, called the authorities himself after the attack and said: "I took that glass and put it in his neck."

Prosecutor Eugene Egan said that on August 20, at about 10.30pm, paramedics went to an address at Heol Broadlands,

by AJ SICLUNA

Barry, and found Mr Chidzey bleeding heavily behind his right ear.

Turner was trying to stem the flow and there was a broken wine glass on a coffee table.

Mr Chidzey was taken to the University Hospital of Wales. Turner was arrested and when interviewed by the police said: "No comment."

Earlier, he had dialled 999 and said: "I have done something to my partner's head."

He had added: "I did it with a glass and there is lots of blood."

Turner was said to have a previous conviction for reckless arson.

His counsel, James Evans, said: "It was incredibly difficult for him to come to terms with what he had done."

He said they were still a couple and the victim had come to court to support him.

They had been together 20 years and had formed a civil partnership.

"There has been

nothing like this ever before. It was unique, isolated."

Mr Evans said that Turner had been under a great deal of pressure with an unsuccessful business and he also suffered from a medical condition.

"The added fuel was a large quantity of wine consumed that night. It was a single blow."

Mr Evans added that Turner was now making a success of another business employing three people.

"He assists elderly infirm relatives and Mr Chidzey has written a long letter to the court expressing his view."

The judge pointed out that Mr Chidzey refused to make a complaint statement to the police, references confirmed that what occurred was wholly uncharacteristic.

Turner was ordered to carry out 180 hours unpaid work, attend a 20-day rehabilitation programme, and pay costs of £500.

Balearics beckon for Barry hairdresser Jadene Bennett

A YOUNG hairdressing apprentice from Sully, leaves on Sunday for a 15-day work experience placement in Spain.



Jadene Bennett, 21, who works for The Hair Den in Barry, is one of seven apprentices chosen to go to Tarragona where they will work in salons and attend workshops at the Schwarzkopf Academy, Barcelona and the Institute Cal Lipolis, the college partner for the visit.

Jadene's apprenticeship in hairdressing is being delivered by Bridgend-based ISA Training, which organised the Spanish work experience placement with funding support from the European Union's Erasmus+ programme for education, training, youth and sport.

"I am really looking forward to seeing how the Spanish people work compared to us and the different techniques that they use," she said.

"I have always been interested in hair and I like to experiment."

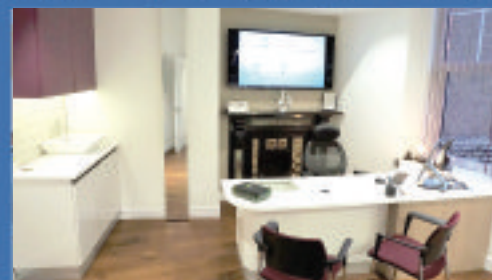
She has her sights set on international travel.

"I like the idea of working and being able to see new places and visit different countries," she explained.

"The work experience in Spain will give me a good idea of what it's like to work away from home."

Among the other lucky apprentices is Amy Wensley from the Ustu hair salon in Porthcawl.

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Ska charity night in Barry

A charity night of mod, ska and northern soul takes place on Saturday, March 25 from 6pm until 12.30am at Barry Island Sports and Social Club.

A spokesman explained: "The event is in aid of Macmillan, and ovarian and prostate cancer research."

Tickets are £10 and you can obtain them from Karl Webb via Facebook or from Barry Island Sports and Social Club."

"We want to thank The GEM for its support, and the following businesses for backing the event and providing prizes - Liverpool Football Club, Cardiff Blues, the cast of *All or Nothing*, Hair by Lauren, Nina Estate Agents, the Vale Funeral Service, Cutting Image, Mack Events, Kuts & Co, Tynnewydd Inn, SRG Carpets, Robert Johnson Funerals, the WRU, Marco's Cafe and the Island's social club."

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WITH the support of Barry Communities First, pupils from Barry primary and secondary schools recently performed a 'musical and visual event' at Barry Comprehensive School.

Schoolchildren from Gladstone, Jenner Park, Palmerston and Holton primary schools joined pupils from Barry Comprehensive and Bryn Hafren secondary schools.

Before the event, pupils had taken part in a six-week musical tuition course provided by Upbeat Music and Arts, which included Brazilian Samba and 'beat boxing'.

The children performed the concert in front of an audience of over 100 parents, staff and the governors of Barry Comprehensive School.

Holly Morgan, Barry Communities First's

'transition officer', said: "I would like to thank Upbeat Music and Arts, and all of the schools involved in this project, as well as the young people and families."

The Deputy Leader of the Vale Council, and cabinet member for regeneration and education, Coun Lis Burnett, added: "It is through projects like this that young people in the Vale are able to feel more confident when making the step up to secondary school."

"Barry Communities First have done a great job in creating an event that is fully inclusive, fun, and beneficial to all of the young pupils."

The project formed part of the Vale Council-led Barry Communities First's Transition project, which gives year 6 and 7 pupils the opportunity to work together to build their confidence and abilities, to make the transition to a secondary school easier.

Award No. 2 for Barry library loo

THE public loos at Barry library have won two prestigious national prizes, as part of the Loo of the Year Awards.

It headed the category of 'library toilets' and the highly-competitive 'full time attended' toilets section, following a visit from inspectors, who judged its cleanliness, appearance and good working order.

Last week, attendant Steven Davis, was congratulated by Vale MP Alun Cairns on the impeccable Kings Square loos.

He began work there three years ago, following a life changing ladder accident that left one of his legs so severely damaged that it may still need to

be amputated.

"Despite his disability, Steven goes the extra mile in the often physically demanding role, believing that people should 'take pride in what they do,'" Mr Cairns said.

"He could have stopped working following his accident, but has chosen instead to put his efforts into doing his new job with energy and pride. He works incredibly hard, despite

physical difficulty, to be the best at what he does. His positive attitude serves as an example to us all."



Alun Cairns MP with
attendant Steven Davis.

Volunteers on the right track

A GROUP of volunteers will be holding its second Big Clean Up event along Penarth's popular railway path in a morning of action later this month.

The group Railway Path Project Penarth, assisted by Penarth Tourism & Visitor Association, will be holding the event on Saturday, March 25 from 11am - 1pm.

Their previous event, held in November, was a huge success and saw the removal of five truckloads of green waste and other, not so green, waste.

The group hopes to encourage volunteers to join them on the day to clean up this incredibly popular walkway which stretches from the top of Plymouth Road as far as Cosmeston Drive.

They will be tackling the banks of the path, removing branches, concrete and anything else which detracts from this beautiful area.

The Vale of Glamorgan Council's park department will be there providing equipment, and the group have pledged to work with them to help keep the path in as good an order as reasonably practical.

The event will be sociable and fun - an opportunity for the community and path users to get to know one another and make new friends.

Volunteers, should meet at 11am on Saturday, March 25 at the Sully Terrace/Archer Road junction of the walkway.

For further information, volunteers and interested parties can join the group on Facebook - Railway Path Project Penarth. Any last-minute information can be found there too.



GROCERY SHOP TO CLOSE THIS MONTH

Sadness as 'the Greeks' depart Park Crescent

A long-standing Park Crescent business, G & M Antoniou, confectioner and general grocer, is to close on Saturday, March 18.

A notice outside the shop informed customers of the Antoniou family's sadness at the decision.

It said: "With great difficulty, a heavy heart and deep regret we have decided to call it a day...we shall be signing off and cease trading at this property...on Saturday, March 18.

"We wish to sincerely thank all our customers, both young and old, and in between, for the kindness and support offered throughout this part of our journey in life.

"Thank you all for the infinite and everlasting warm memories we share together."

The statement is signed 'The Greeks'.

Local people expressed sympathy with the

family on social media posts.

On Facebook Leanne Pile suggested a farewell party for the family at the Park Hotel.

She said: "Absolutely gutted to hear the awful news that 'the Greeks' is closing down. Park Crescent won't be the same without them."

A number of people pointed out that it is difficult for independent shops to compete with supermarkets when they don't have good car parking in close proximity.

Sainsbury's opened in 2012 on Park Crescent and has its own car park. There is also a Tesco One Stop shop on Broad Street with car parking.

On the 'I love Park Crescent' page on Facebook, Gareth Lewis pointed out: "It's never too late to bring to the attention of shoppers how they could help small businesses survive and help the local economy."



G & M Antoniou, confectioner and general grocer on Park Crescent, Barry

CHARITY SHOW

TROS Gynnal Plant is hosting a fashion and beauty event in the Paget Rooms on Wednesday, March 29 between 7pm - 9.30pm as part of fundraising for the Penarth Town Mayor's Charity of the Year.

Local Penarth businesses are supporting the event with a selection of spring season clothes and accessories, modelled courtesy of Ginger's, make-up and skin care advice from 'A Brush with Beauty', and personalised styling from Claire Jacklin.

Tickets are on sale for £20 and are available at Ginger's, A Brush with Beauty or by contacting Karen Jones on 02920 396974; or email Karen.jones@trosgynnalplant.org.uk.

PORKKERRY SCOUTS 'SHAPE' THEIR MONTH

FEBRUARY for Scouting was #You Shape month, which allowed the young people to talk and design games and activities they wanted to do.

All sections at 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group had a data gathering evening at the beginning of the month and made up games they wanted to play - from 'find the flag' to skittles - and the sections have had fun over the month playing the games created, a spokesperson reports.

Scouts have taken part in the first round of an indoor air rifle postal competition. They have also helped a local florist, Lucinda's Flower Shop, by delivering leaflets around Rhooose.

Cubs have visited New Farm, Barry, and learned about cattle and farming. It was a cold, wet and windy evening, but the Cubs enjoyed seeing the new calves and have the opportunity to name a newborn that has a broken leg as his mother accidentally stood on him!

They now know where the beef sold at Barratt's Butchers in Rhooose comes from.

Beavers have been playing lots of games, colouring Valentine pictures and creating Lego masterpieces.

The 1st Penmark with Porthkerry Scout group has also received a donation of pioneering poles from Forest Products Ltd, Cowbridge. These will allow the group to practise their pioneering skills, including rope work and knots to secure the poles together when building monkey bridges, swings, rafts - the list is endless. A massive thank you to Forest Products for their generosity.

The group's 40th birthday celebrations are being scheduled for July 8, so watch this space for more information.

As always, if you want to know more about the group or would like to get involved in any way, please contact the group scout leader on gsl@penmarkscouts.org.uk

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A plan identifying the land may be examined at the Civic Offices, Holton Road, Barry during normal office hours.

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£20m investment 'proves Welsh skills'

ON March 1, Alun Cairns welcomed the £20 million investment by GE Aviation (GE) at its Nantgarw plant.

The Secretary of State for Wales and Vale MP said: "The GE Aviation investment underlines Wales' reputation as a leader in aviation technology, coming soon after the announcement of big contracts for both DECA Sealant as global repair hub for

the F35 aircraft, and the £82m MoD order for vision equipment from Qioptiq.

"Once again, the skill of the Welsh workforce has proven a world beater. GE is a major employer in south Wales and today's news will sustain those jobs for a long time to come."

The MP was commenting following the announcement that GE will service its new GE9X turbofan engine at the plant.

Drake's rough Passage examined by Probus

ON February 28, Dr Alfred Venables gave a talk to Dinas Powys Probus Club about his recent trip to Antarctica.

He is a retired microbiologist who has always had a passion for wildlife, particularly birds. Following his hobby, he has visited many remote islands and returned to Antarctica with three target birds in mind.

A childhood ambition has always been to see a Snowy Sheathbill, a seagull-size bird, to see close-up a Wandering Albatross and finally, a Giant Petrel, a bird much maligned in his opinion.

To demonstrate the true wing span of the Albatross, Alfred called out two members who, between them, held out a full-size paper cut-out of the 11-foot wing span.

Whilst in Tierra del Fuego, he hoped to see a Magellanic Woodpecker in the national park, but was unlucky.

Alfred then sailed from Ushuaia on the *Academic Ioffe*, a converted Russian spy ship, with 90 passengers, across Drake's Passage, reputed to be the roughest sea in the world, on a

three-day voyage to the Beagle Channel, seeing Fin whales en-route, and then along the Lemaire Channel.

Enclosed on all sides by ice walls and after seeing Adele penguins and seals, the ship had to retreat because further progress was blocked by an ice fall.

Once in true Antarctica, the group visited two research stations. Alfred and his pal attempted to get a close-up view of penguins fishing in shallow water by paddling with bare legs in what turned out to be freezing water, an idea quickly aborted.

Then on to Deception Island and landing at Whalers' Bay, an early whaling base that was abandoned due to volcanic eruptions. Debris still litters the shore and the sand is too hot to touch in comfort.

Alfred was successful in seeing a Sheathbill, watching an albatross flying close to the ship and, the highlight of the trip, getting very close to a Giant Petrel on its nest with a chick.

The return sail back across Drake's Passage was, as the captain had predicted, extremely rough! **CR**

SPECIAL PROMOTION Maes Glas Vets branch opens in Cowbridge

MAES GLAS VETS is an independent veterinary group owned and run by veterinary surgeons, providing a 24-hour service throughout the year.

A spokesperson explained: "Our new Cowbridge branch is the latest addition to the group and will provide a 'first opinion service' for small animals in completely-refurbished premises, within walking distance of central Cowbridge. Easy accessibility and parking were important considerations when choosing the site.

"Whilst aiming to provide a local and personal service for owners and their pets, Maes Glas Vets can additionally offer state-of-the-art treatment for a wide range of medical and surgical conditions at our new hospital in Bridgend.

"Maes Glas has close links with a range of specialists and provides an in-house ophthalmology referral service with the Eye Veterinary Clinic. In a supporting role, we offer physiotherapy and behavioural services.

"We take great pride in running our own out-of-hours service based at our Bridgend hospital, which is staffed 24 hours a day – and with our interlinked computer management system, a full clinical history of your pet is available after hours to the team on duty.

"We are very excited about our new Cowbridge branch and look forward to welcoming all your pets."

MARIE CURIE SWIMATHON

SWIMATHON, the world's biggest annual fundraising swim is back for 2017 and swimmers are being encouraged to jump in one of over 600 participating pools and raise funds for Marie Curie, the UK's leading charity for people living with a terminal illness and their families.

The event will take place across the weekend of April 7 – 9. Swimmers can challenge themselves to the 5k, 2.5k or 1.5k individual or team 5k or 1.5k distances and raise funds for Marie Curie, which runs the hospice in Penarth.



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'GIVING OPPORTUNITY TO ASK QUESTIONS ON THE BREXIT PROCESS'

IN the weeks following the EU referendum, I arranged public meetings in the Vale to set out the Government's response to the vote and to take questions from local people.

The response was overwhelming. Over 200 people turned up to the meetings in Cowbridge and in Barry, sharing their hopes, concerns and queries.

As we approach the next milestone, the triggering of Article 50, I want to give Vale residents the opportunity to once again ask me direct questions about the Government's plan for Brexit.

I will be holding two meetings; one on March 23 in Dinas Powys at 6:30pm at the Lee Hall, and the other on March 30 in Llantwit Major at Llantwit Hall. Anyone living in the Vale is welcome to attend.

I voted 'remain' on June 23 because at the time I thought that, on balance, it would be better for the economy in the short term.

As such, I can understand the economic concerns that many have had about our changing relationship with the EU.

After the vote however, I was immediately struck by the pragmatic and often optimistic tone of business leaders.

This has since been coupled with stronger economic performance than expected and, most importantly, certainty from government.

Indeed, a great many people who, like me, supported 'remain' have not just accepted the result of the referendum, but embraced the opportunities that exist for our country to become an even more successful global trading nation.

We have the opportunity at a great moment of national change to step back and ask ourselves what kind of country we want to be.

The Prime Minister and the Government have a clear answer. We want the United Kingdom to emerge from this period of change stronger, fairer more united and more outward-



Welsh Secretary
ALUN CAIRNS MP
reports to GEM readers

looking than ever before.

The Government has a strong plan for a smooth and orderly Brexit. We want to have reached an agreement about our future partnership with the EU by the time that the two-year Article 50 process has concluded. From that point onwards, we expect a process of phased implementation.

Throughout the Brexit process, we will pursue as much free trade as possible with the EU and prepare to strike free trade agreements across the world.

We will control migration, protect rights for workers and seek to guarantee rights for British nationals in the EU and EU nationals in the UK.

If you would like to ask me more about this plan, please do attend my Brexit Q&A in Dinas Powys or Llantwit Major.

'Support the Daffodil Appeal'

THE Marie Curie hospice in Penarth has won praise from AM Andrew RT Davies, Leader of the Welsh Conservatives.

Mr Davies, who has supported the launch of Marie Curie's annual Daffodil Appeal in the Senedd, recently visited the hospice, which supports terminally ill people and their families.

He urged people to give generously to help the charity continue its vital work: "Marie Curie provides a fantastic level of support for terminally ill people and their families, and the Cardiff and Vale Hospice is a great facility.

"People using the facility are obviously in very difficult circumstances, and the staff here



work incredibly hard to make things as pleasant as possible.

"That, of course, includes the respite services they provide to families, who are also affected by having loved ones suffering from terminal illnesses.

"It was good to see up close how the money Marie Curie raises is spent. I'd urge all residents to give generously Daffodil Appeal, since it is only through your donations that they can continue their good work."

Clean-up campaign is 'under way'

On March 1, Jane Hutt AM joined Keep Wales Tidy chief executive Lesley Jones, for the start of Wales' Spring Clean Cymru campaign – the Welsh version of Keep Britain Tidy's 'Great British Spring Clean.'

She joined other volunteers in Gibbonsdown and local councillors Margaret Wilkinson and Julie Aviet. The AM said: "Thanks to a fantastic group effort, over 120 bags of rubbish were collected! Thank you to all the wonderful groups who helped. Councillors Margaret Wilkinson and Julie Aviet would like to thank everyone who participated on behalf of Gibbonsdown residents too."

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Cross-party support for tidal lagoon in Assembly

MEMBERS of the Welsh Assembly have written to the Prime Minister to emphasise the degree of cross-party support there is for the Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon project.

Details of the letter were released by Huw Irranca-Davies' office, and a spokesman said that support had been widespread.

The letter said: "While ultimately a decision for your Government, we strongly support the recommendations of the Hendry Review that this should be given approval as a 'pathfinder' project, because we recognise the potential benefits run far deeper than one might ordinarily expect of a single energy project.

"This project can unleash, quickly, a level of private capital investment rarely seen in Wales. It will see new industrial facilities built and new life breathed into Welsh industry large and small.

"It will draw our students towards the STEM disciplines and offer them a credible prospect of deploying their skills in the country of their birth.

"It will attract attention for Wales AND the UK on an international stage as a global

leader in this renewable technology, and contribute to our climate-change objectives.

"It will create opportunity for new ventures in leisure, tourism and associated maritime activities by attracting visitors in potentially very large numbers.

"Above all of this, it will contribute hugely to the image of Wales as a place where exciting and transformational projects can be imagined and delivered: a dynamic Wales looking to the future.

"You may be aware that other cities and regions of south and north Wales are already looking into the possibility of following Swansea Bay's lead. They too have the natural resource and they too are in the market for new ideas that can shift the dial in terms of employment, investment and regeneration. These positive benefits will ultimately be seen across Wales, and beyond Wales too.

"There may be a long way to go but there is only one way to find out. So we are greatly encouraged that the UK Government's independent review concludes that taking that first step at Swansea Bay is a 'no regrets' decision.

"In Wales, we have watched

this project take shape over a good number of years now, garnering more and more popular support as it has matured. With the publication of the Hendry Review that support has solidified into real expectation among the people of Wales.

"In a debate in the National Assembly on February 14, a motion welcoming the Hendry Report and supporting the case for developing a tidal lagoon energy industry in the UK was passed with absolutely no dissent. In the debate the Minister for Economy and Infrastructure reiterated the in principle support of the Welsh Government saying:

"We agree with Hendry's approach for a small scale pathfinder project as soon as is reasonably practicable to understand the impacts of such developments ...we welcome Hendry's observation of the very strong case for the proposed Swansea Bay Tidal Lagoon to be that small scale pathfinder project, as it is currently the only project in an advanced state of preparation necessary to become a pathfinder in the near future."

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THE final of the Rotary Young Musician competition was held on March 4 at the University of Cardiff School of Music.

Eight young students competed for the honour of being the musician to represent Rotary District 1150 at the regional final, to be held in Telford on March 26, and had come from as far afield as Aberystwyth, Rhondda, Brecon and Milford Haven.

Porthcawl Comprehensive's Laurence Hunt was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Porthcawl and had recently won the area final.

Despite again playing the piano to an extremely high standard, he was unable to repeat his earlier success with his chosen pieces by Chopin and Brahms. The club is proud and honoured to have sponsored Laurence

and each Rotarian wishes him well in his future studies.

The overall winner was 14-year-old harpist, Huw Boucher, who was sponsored by the Cardiff Breakfast Rotary Club and in second place was 13-year-old saxophonist Daniel Davis, sponsored by the Cwmbran Vale Rotary Club.

To have eight such talented musicians together delighted the audience which came away from the evening having been wonderfully entertained.

Congratulations must go to all the musicians, their parents and tutors and to the Rotary clubs who sponsored not only the eight musicians on the night, but also all the other competitors in previous rounds.

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The winner, Huw Boucher.

Incinerator letters are handed over

AROUND 150 letters from people in Barry calling for improved consultation regarding a licence for an incinerator close to Barry Dock station and nearby homes were handed in at the Natural Resources Wales (NRW) offices on Newport Road, Cardiff.

The consultation process is due to end on May 8. There will be a public meeting next



Tuesday (March 14) at 7pm in the Castleland Community Centre, Belvedere Crescent. Contact the Docks

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St David's Day celebrations!



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THOUSANDS of people across Wales celebrated their Welsh heritage across the country on St David's Day, March 1.

Vale photographer Andy Wicks was on hand at City Hall in the capital where hundreds gathered for the annual parade.

As the parade made its way through the streets of Cardiff there

was applause – not just from Welsh people, there were also international visitors who enjoyed the colour, spectacle and good humour of the day.

The Senedd at Cardiff Bay was also lit up in the colours of the Welsh flag. Downing Street also hosted a St David's Day reception.

MEANWHILE, St Nicholas C/W Primary celebrated St David's Day in style – with the whole school transformed into a sea of red.

The children in their houses Ty Glas, Ty Melyn, Ty Coch and Ty Gwrydd, participated in an exciting carousel of activities, including cooking Welsh cakes, designing a new Welsh rugby shirt, making 3D leeks, learning about the cultures and customs of Wales and creating a Welsh twmpath.

The afternoon ended with an Eisteddfod, where the Welsh national anthem, Mae Hen Wlad Fy Nhadau was sung.



Ava's poetry competition entry.



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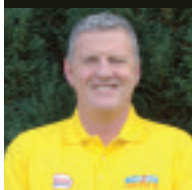
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Primary school pupils have two celebrations

IT was a busy week in school last week, as Gladstone Primary children and staff celebrated both St David's Day and World Book Day.

The whole school wore red for Wales on March 1. The school eisteddfod took place during the afternoon, celebrating Welsh culture with Welsh Folk Dancing, the story of St David, Welsh singing, and the presentation of prizes for art, handwriting and poetry.

The celebrations

concluded with the charring of the year-6 Bard – Liberty Wilson – for her fabulous poem entitled 'My Wales'.

The following day was World Book Day and the children were encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character. Exciting literary activities took place throughout the day to promote the love of reading.

Children in years 5 and 6 participated in the 'Biggest Book

Show on Earth' in Barry Memorial Hall where they listened to different authors and illustrators (including author Eloise Williams), talking about their books and the importance and significance of reading for pleasure.

"Thank you to all our Gladstone families for helping us to celebrate these two very important days," said Caroline Newman, headteacher.



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Penarth bakery fined for hygiene offences despite being warned

A **PENARTH** bakery, **Penarth Bakery Limited** on **Plassey Street**, has been fined more than **£10,000** after committing **36** hygiene offences and its owner **banned** from managing a food business for **10 years**, following a case brought by **Vale Council**.

Cardiff Magistrates Court heard how officers from Shared Regulatory Services, the body responsible for monitoring food safety standards in the Vale, found serious breaches of hygiene regulations, including the presence of rodents, when they visited Modern Bakery, trading as Penarth Bakery Limited on Plassey Street in the town.

A number of visits were made to the business, which was acting as a food manufacturer supplying other outlets, as well as its own retail shop.

The breaches of food hygiene regulations found were so serious that officers had to intervene in the interests of public health, with a total of 11 improvement notices being served.

The breaches identified at the premises included:

- Poor personal hygiene.

- Failure to protect food from contamination.

- Filthy premises that were in a poor condition.

- Storing high-risk food out of temperature control.

- Failure to ensure that adequate procedures were in place to control pests. Rodents and insects were not controlled at the premises.

- Placing unfit food on the market.

- A failure to implement and maintain written food safety procedures at the business, demonstrating a lack of control and care.

- A failure to comply with eight hygiene improvement notices.

Appearing in court last Thursday, Gareth Spray pleaded guilty to 28 offences as the food business operator, in respect of food hygiene, and a further eight offences for failing to comply with hygiene improvement notices.

He also pleaded guilty to two offences for placing food on the market which was unfit for human consumption.

The same offences were admitted by the company, Penarth Bakery Limited, with an additional offence of failing to display the sticker illustrating their 'zero' food hygiene rating.

In sentencing, District Judge

Bodfan Jenkins described Mr Spray and his company as having a "flagrant disregard for the law" and insisted there had been an "appalling catalogue of behaviour by all involved, as to the state of the premises and equipment, enough to turn one's stomach."

He described the efforts that had been made to rectify problems as being "too little, too late."

Mr Spray was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, suspended for 12 months, for the two more serious offences of placing food on the market which was unfit for human consumption.

He was ordered to undergo an unpaid work requirement of 200 hours and a rehabilitation activity requirement of up to 15 days.

For the other 36 offences, he was fined £200, giving a total of £7,200. He was also ordered to pay costs of £1,400 and a victim surcharge of £115.

Mr Spray was banned from participating in the management of any food business for 10 years.

In addition, Penarth Bakery Limited was fined £1,300 for each of the two more serious offences and £200 for each of the remaining offences, making a total of fine of £10,000. The company was also ordered to pay costs of £1,400 and a victim surcharge of £200.



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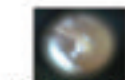
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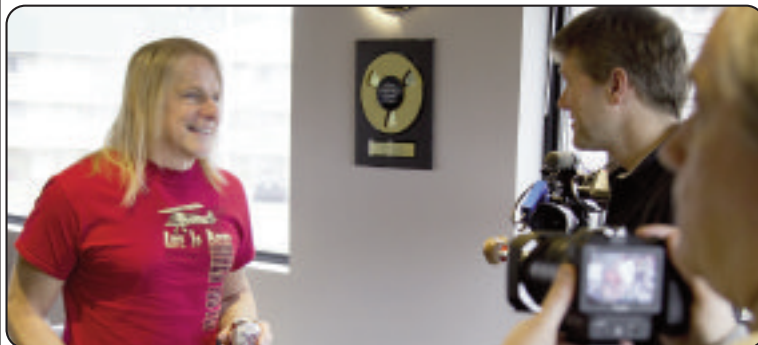
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Deep Purple docu a 'dream come true' for local man



A DOCUMENTARY filmmaker from Barry will have his latest film – on rock legends Deep Purple – premiered on Sky Arts this Saturday (March 11).

Craig Hooper produced and directed *Deep Purple – From Here to Infinity*, a documentary following the hard-rock pioneers as they write and record their 20th – and possibly their last – studio album.

Craig, who lives in Rhosce, said: "This was a dream come true for me. I've been a fan of Deep Purple since I was a teenager at Barry Boys Comp. Documenting them writing and then recording their album was an amazing experience – their levels of musicianship are off the scale."

"It was also nice to spend some time with them off camera, socialising. They're all genuinely nice and very funny people."

Known as one of the most incendiary bands on the planet,

both on- and off stage, Purple rode the crest of the tidal wave of musical innovation in the early 1970s. They helped create a whole new genre of music, recording a string of classic songs such as 'Smoke On The Water', 'Black Night' and 'Strange Kind of Woman' and selling in excess of 130 million albums on the way.

Craig and his team, including Dinas Powys cameraman Trevor Burgess, managed to get a unique insight into the creative process as they filmed Purple writing and recording in Nashville and Toronto.

Craig, who also runs the BA Journalism course at the University of South Wales in Cardiff, said: "I've worked with the band previously. I'd made a documentary about bass player Roger Glover, who's from Brecon, for ITV Wales and we produced a DVD for lead singer Ian Gillan. It was nice to be asked back and a bonus that we got to spend a few weeks in Nashville and Toronto."

The film also sees the band reflecting back on the many highs and lows of a career that's influenced generations of musicians, and they consider a future choice – to retire gracefully or keep on rocking into their seventies...

An extended version of the documentary will also be available with Deep Purple's new album, *InFinite*, which is being released worldwide on April 7.

Craig, who started his journalism career writing for The GEM, is already working on his next project – running the International Vampire Film and Arts Festival in Transylvania at the end of May – as well as teaching journalism and investigating his next rock documentary for his company Coolhead.

Deep Purple – From Here to Infinity is on Sky Arts at 9pm on Saturday, March 11.

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VALE BAND NOMINATED FOR BEST ALBUM AWARD

VALE-based band Aaronson have been nominated for Best Album at this month's Cardiff Music Awards for their debut album, *Appearance and Reality*.

Their brand of instrumental post-punk takes influence from New Order, Explosions in the Sky, and Bauhaus to create a unique sound.

The band was formed in 2014 by guitarist Mark Creese and bassist Daniel Duddridge from the ashes of a previous band. Both had kept themselves busy writing material independently,

but it was when they got together to play their ideas that they realised they may have something different.

Mark said: "Both of us had been trying new styles of playing our instruments and when we put them together, we had so many sections that fitted perfectly, it was quite overwhelming. We had so much good material, we knew we had to get something out there."

After adding Nick Sweetland on drums, the band began to build their reputation as a must-see live act. They played regularly across south Wales and Bristol, with

The Album Wall blog voting them one of the best bands of HUB Festival Cardiff. This allowed the band to record their debut album with Manic Street Preachers' producer Loz Williams at their Cardiff studio.

Dan said: "We worked through each track methodically, playing live, and we were really prepared which meant we were able to lay down all the songs in two days. Loz did a great job in retaining the edgy live sound we wanted."

You can vote for Aaronson to win Best Album over at

www.cardiffmusicaward.co.uk. The winners will be announced at an awards evening held at the Tramshed in Cardiff on March 30.

Listen to the album: <https://open.spotify.com/album/1U8Dmu84dAZejpbz7DSxVY>; buy the album: <https://itunes.es/gb/5ol0eb>;

Watch Aaronson: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h_fU2Su0mw

AM's surgery

VALE AM Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery this Saturday, March 11, from 10am-11am at Barry Citizens Advice Bureau, 119 Broad Street, Barry.

No appointment is necessary. For further information, please contact Camilla Beaven on 0300 200 7110 or Camilla.Beaven@assembly.wales

Porthcawl floral arrangement demonstration

AT Awel-y-Mor on Wednesday, March 15 at 7.30pm a flower demonstration will be given by Jayne Morris: 'Strolling Thro' the Garden'.

Everyone welcome, doors open at 6.30pm.

Volunteers meet

THE Commissioner for Older People's representative, Kate Hughes, will be talking to

Age Connects Good Neighbours volunteers on Saturday, March 11 in St Iltyd's 216 restaurant in Llantwit Major at 10am.

Anyone with an interest in volunteering is welcome to come along; call the Good Neighbours coordinator on 07434634131.

Learn to see stars
BARRY and District Astronomical Society invites you to a free two-part presentation at Barry Island Community Centre: Part 1 is on Monday, March 13 from 7.30pm to 9.30.

They will explain telescopes and astronomical accessories, show how to make the most of observing and astronomical imaging sessions, and offer advice on buying gear.

Part 2 takes place on Monday, March 27 from 7.30pm to 9.30 when attendees will be introduced to the changing skies and learn how

to find the best cosmic objects as they reveal themselves, month by month through the seasons.

Tea/coffee and biscuits plus social mingling will end these evenings, which will also be an opportunity to discover what the society has to offer.

For more information, call 07855 352147 or 02920 551704.

Coffee morning
THERE will be a coffee morning at Murch Bowling Club, Sunnycroft Lane, Dinas Powys on Saturday, March 28, 10am-12noon.

Bric-a-brac, cake stall, nearly new stall, raffle etc. All proceeds in aid of Parkinsons UK.

Branch coffee

mornings

THE National Autistic Society Cymru is holding the following coffee mornings at Pioneer Hall, Beryl Road,

Barry on April 1, May 6, June 10, July 8, September 9, October 7, November 4, December 9.

For more information, email: nascardiff@nas.org.uk

Lions' Book Fair
ON April 7, 8 and 9 from 9am to 4pm, Bridgend Lions Club return to Westward Community Centre, Llangewydd Road, Bryntirion, Bridgend, CF31 4JR (opposite the chip shop).

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Promise auction in aid of championship

THE Welsh Ploughing Association is fundraising for the 2017 All Wales Ploughing and Hedging Championship by holding a 'promise auction' on Friday, March 31,

The event takes place in All Hallows Church Hall, Miskin. Viewing starts at 6.30pm, and the auction starts at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Anyone wishing to offer any promises, should telephone 01446 710376.

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'Lenten Lunch' at St Iltyd's Newcastle on March 11

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Logan, a fitting farewell to a truly incredible comic book character

EVER since the *X-Men* burst into their cinematic incarnation in 2000, the stand-out character of the universe has been Hugh Jackman's Logan, otherwise known as the Wolverine.

Seventeen years after his debut, Jackman is finally hanging up the adamantium claws in *Logan*.

Set in 2029, *Logan* sees Jackman's title character beaten, bruised and with his body on the edge of giving up. Living a secluded life along with Professor X (the returning Patrick Stewart) and fellow mutant Caliban (Stephen Merchant), Logan is trying to stay away from violence and conflict.

However, when he discovers a young mutant by the name of Laura (Dafne Keen) who has a similar skillset to him, and who is being pursued by the Reavers, led by Donald Pierce (Boyd Holbrook), Logan's attempts to find peace are given a short, sharp wake-up call...

Much has been made that this is the final time we'll see Hugh Jackman play the iconic character of Wolverine; and given that his previous two solo films haven't really captured the true essence of the character, Logan sees Jackman and director James Mangold (who directed *The Wolverine*) in the last chance saloon when it comes to crafting the definitive cinematic take on the character.

The last chance saloon metaphor is quite apt: this is, for

all intents and purposes, a western; Logan, the veteran gunslinger, living the quiet life of peace until trouble comes knocking at his door. It may say 'superhero film' on the door, but save for the occasional familial genre element, this is the most 'non-superhero, superhero' film since *The Dark Knight*.

Jackman and Mangold have really made the attempt to do something different, to re-purpose the superhero film, to take it places it very rarely goes, and it's something that works incredibly well.

There are still the action beats, superbly executed by Mangold (and coming with lashings of glory violence and bloodshed), but this isn't a film about a hero saving the world, this is a film about what happens to the heroes who save the world when they're coming to the end of their time.

With Logan's healing ability and seemingly infinite lifespan, finding a way to see him at his weakest and most vulnerable isn't easy, but here we see a man beaten and battered by the ravages of time as much as the fists of a super-villain, the impact of his long life, and those he's lost in the process, weighing heavily upon him.

It's the deepest Jackman has ever gone in the role and

unsurprisingly it's his best performance to date, the depth given to the character giving Jackman the opportunity to flex his acting muscles as well as his physical ones.

The wizened, weakened Logan may not be quick with the dry quip, but it's as in-depth a look as we've ever had into his psyche and it makes for a hugely engaging performance in a film not short of them.

Patrick Stewart hits similar beats in the role of Professor X; his great mind now a ticking time bomb, he has to be given sedatives to ensure the safety of

seemingly the human race, and much like Jackman, Stewart has rarely been afforded the opportunity to delve into the character as he has here, and the interplay between him and Jackman (and Stephen Merchant's wonderful turn) is enjoyable to watch.

Dafne Keen's mysterious Laura is another superb turn, largely a physical one, but one that dovetails nicely with Jackman, and as the pair strike up a dysfunctional father-daughter relationship, the film slowly starts pulling at the heartstrings in a way many films of this genre are never able to do.

There are the occasional

moments where things revert a little too much to genre type rather than forging their way through in the style of the film; Richard E Grant's maniacal scientist doesn't quite work while the film's big bad is disappointing and doesn't sit well within the style of the film.

These issues aside, this is still an exemplary example of how a 'superhero' film can work when it goes outside the box. Of course it helps that we have had a 17-year relationship with these characters, that the stakes are high and we're fully engaged in their plight, but this is a film that is true to the character, where he has been, and what he has become.

If this truly is Jackman's final hurrah in the title role, and he can hold at bay the multitudes clamouring for him to keep going, then it is a fitting tribute: *Logan* is an uncompromising, deftly-told story that is an emotionally engaging, and powerful watch.

VERDICT – Hugh Jackman's final film as the character of Logan is also the best of his solo outings – and one of the best films of the superhero genre.

A powerful story told on its own terms, its refusal (in the main) to follow the cookie-cutter genre template means that it's something that stands out for all the right reasons. Hitting the emotional notes, *Logan* is a fitting finale to an incredible character. **ESSENTIAL viewing.**

SEE THIS IF YOU LIKED: *The Dark Knight* (2008), *3:10 To Yuma* (2007).



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Sigma 3 launches two spectacular ranges

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LOCAL Welsh kitchen manufacturer Sigma 3 has launched two new spectacular ranges to their already impressive collection. We've caught up with Sigma 3 managing director Gerald Jones to discuss new trends in the kitchen and the vision behind the new ranges.

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by HANNAH STEPHENSON

Whether you have a hands-on practical mum who loves new gardening tools or a more leisurely mother who prefers flowers and floral scents, there's something for every gardener on Mother's Day.

FLOWER GIRL

Artisan Julie Dodsworth, who paints and creates all the original designs from her narrow boat and is inspired by the flora and heritage of the waterways, brings a touch of class to a metal 10-litre capacity watering can. And there are many matching Flower Girl accessories

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Children and families can also follow a fun fairy door finding trail through Penarth town shops in the lead-up to



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The manager, Kayleigh Thomas, has over 10 years' experience and joined the management team in September 2008. She has since gained an NVQ level 3 in management skills and has intensive training in child protection, First Aid and food safety. With a natural love of working with children, Kayleigh prides herself on moving the nursery forward.

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ABOVE: Karen Sherr, founder of Musical Minis, and Jo Weaving, owner of Musical Minis South Wales franchisee.

CHILDREN'S music and development franchise, Musical Minis, has announced that Jo Weaving, owner of Musical Minis South Wales, has been awarded the title 'Outstanding Franchisee of the Year'.

At their recent annual conference, founder Karen Sherr and husband Rob said that Jo, a mum from Barry, with two boys – Jack (13) and Harrison (8), had been selected for her consistent support over many years.

Jo, who bought the business 13 years ago, when her eldest son was a baby, was praised for her organisational skills, tenacity and support.

She said: "I was delighted and honoured to receive the award."

"I love running Musical Minis classes in south Wales and it's so rewarding watching the children learn new skills and grow in confidence as they attend our classes."

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Bridgend, near the south and west Wales coastline, is a natural choice for what may become Wales' premium scuba diving shop, 'Welsh Diving'.

Some GEM readers may already know the Welsh Diving brand: the PADI-accredited company has been teaching people to scuba dive in Newport and Cardiff for years, with more recent classes also opening in Bridgend.

"Scuba diving is so popular across south Wales," said Martin Donovan, lead dive instructor and MD of Welsh Diving.

"It just makes sense for us to open this shop and cater for those who want to either get into the hobby or take their diving to the next level.

"For Welsh Diving, it's really just a continuation of our customers' journey with us. Unlike some dive schools that are only concerned with getting peoples' qualifications

SPECIAL PROMOTION



over the line, we teach people to dive and to enjoy diving – that way they keep diving with us after they're qualified and now we can continue to serve them even when they're out of the water."

The Dive Shop will stock all the equipment needed for the scuba enthusiast, from wetsuits and air tanks to fashion items and underwater cameras.

The new shop opens in early March at The Dive Shop, Shop 16, Pen

Y Bont Road, Pencoed, CF35 5RA.

"Anyone who dives will tell you – it's the greatest sport in the world," added Martin.

"It's a superb way to keep fit and see the world from a new angle, so hopefully this store will encourage more people to get into diving. We'll be offering sign-ups to classes from inside the shop, too."

Visit www.welshdiving.co.uk for more information.

Care home residents show off artwork at Penarth Pavilion



The Deputy Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Councillor Edward Williams with Regency House Care Home resident Margaret Matthews, 73.

ELDERLY residents at five south Wales care homes have displayed their best artwork at an exhibition held in the Penarth Pier Pavilion.

It depicts memories of the artists working and growing up in Wales, and includes 40 exhibits from people who live at Hallmark Care Homes; Ty Enfyf, Regency House, Shire Hall, Greenhill Manor and Cartref Annwyl Fan.

Over 80 guests attended the launch, including representatives from charity, Age Cymru and the Deputy Mayor of the Vale of Glamorgan, Coun Edward Williams who officially opened the exhibition.

Throughout the afternoon, guests questioned residents about their artwork and enjoyed afternoon tea, and music from Welsh opera singer Holly Clark.

Resident Beryl Lee, 77, who lives at Ty Enfyf Care Home in Pentwyn said: "It feels lovely to display my work. Three pieces are on display and I have contributed to several others.

"My favourite piece is of a fountain I drew, where I would play in my hometown, Merthyr Tydfil, as a girl with my friends. It brings back happy memories, and still stands today as a monumental treasure."

The organiser of the event, and group lifestyle manager for Hallmark Care Homes, Debbie Sharples-Kirkbride said: "We had a fantastic afternoon at our exhibition launch day.

"The residents, our lifestyle's team, our artist in residence Charlotte Jones as well visiting artists from Age Cymru, whom we have been working in partnership with, have worked really hard to put together this exhibition, so that it can be enjoyed by members of the community.

"The purpose is to bring residents' artwork to a wider audience so that they can take pride in their work. It also serves as a platform to engage those living with dementia and complex physical conditions in the local community, encouraging others to see past their conditions.

"I am delighted that the Pier Pavilion have agreed to maintain the exhibition for a number of weeks after our launch."

The exhibition is open to the public until Wednesday, March 22. Regency House, Shire Hall, Ty Enfyf, Greenhill Manor and Cartref Annwyl Fan are the homes featured.

For further information please visit www.hallmarkcarehomes.co.uk



Resident Beryl Lee, 77, stands in front of her work with Lifestyle Leader Lily Chapman



Greenhill Manor Care Home, resident Primrose Spurrell, 87 sits proudly next to her work.

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Mae Cyngor Bro Morgannwg a Menter Bro Morgannwg wedi llofnodi cytundeb fframwaith newydd i ddatblygu gwasanaethau newydd i gryfhau'r iaith Gymraeg yng nghymunedau'r Fro.

Sefydlwyd Menter Bro Morgannwg ym mis Ebrill 2013 gyda'r nod o hybu ac ehangu defnydd cymdeithasol o'r iaith Gymraeg ym Mro Morgannwg. Ers hynny, maent wedi bod yn gweithio'n agos gyda'r Cyngor i gynnig nifer o weithgareddau a digwyddiadau i greu mwy o gyfleoedd i breswylwyr y Fro ddefnyddio'r iaith

y tu allan i'r gwaith a'r ysgol. Ymhlith y rhain mae gŵyl Gymreig a gynhelir yn Ynys y Barri, Gŵyl Fach y Fro, gwersi nofio i fabis a gweithgareddau hamdden eraill i bobl o bob oed.

Ers sefydlu Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg yn 2000, mae cynnydd sylweddol yn y nifer o rieni sy'n dewis addysg cyfrwng Gymraeg ar gyfer eu plant. Yn ei dro, bydd hyn yn cynyddu nifer y siaradwyr Gymraeg ym Mro Morgannwg. Bwriad Menter Bro Morgannwg yw annog y plant hynny sydd mewn addysg cyfrwng Gymraeg, a'u rhieni, i ddefnyddio'r Gymraeg y tu allan i'r dosbarth mewn sefyllfaoedd

cymdeithasol.

Mae'r cytundeb fframwaith hwn yn gydnabyddiaeth ffurfiol o'r gwaith partneriaeth sydd eisoes wedi digwydd rhwng Menter Bro Morgannwg a'r Cyngor i gynnig y gweithgareddau hyn ac ymrwymo i barhau i gydweithio i gynnig y cyfleoedd hyn yn y dyfodol. Yn ogystal, mae'n amlgu ymrwymiad y Cyngor i weithio gyda Llywodraeth Cymru i gyflawni nod eu strategaith: iaith fyw, iaith byw.

Dyweddodd Siân Lewis, Prif Weithredwr Menter Bro Morgannwg, 'Rydym yn falch iawn bod y Cyngor yn rhan o'r cytundeb hwn, sy'n gwarantu y byddwn yn gallu parhau i adeiladu ar y gwaith da sydd

eisoes wedi'i wneud yma yn y Fro. Rydym newydd gynnal Gŵyl Fach y Fro am yr ail dro, a oedd yn llwyddiant ysgubol, ac rydym yn gobeithio parhau i weithio'n agos gyda'r Cyngor i gynnal digwyddiadau fel hyn ac i gyflawni ein nod fel sefydliad.'

Dyweddodd Rob Thomas, Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr Cyngor Bro Morgannwg, 'Bydd y cytundeb hwn yn cryfhau'r bartne-

riaeth rhwng y Cyngor a Menter Bro Morgannwg. Fel sefydliad cyhoeddus yng Nghymru, mae'r Cyngor yn cydnabod yn llawn ei rôl o ran datblygu defnydd o'r iaith a'i gyfrifoldeb i gynnig amryw weithgareddau cymunedol cyfrwng Gymraeg i breswylwyr. Edrychaf ymlaen i adeiladu ar y bartneriaeth hon a mynd i'r afael â'n nod fel Cyngor i adeiladu cymunedau cryf gyda dyfodol disglaif.'

GWEITHGAREDDAU I'R TEULU



Mae cynnig amrywiaeth o weithgareddau i deuluoedd yn rhan bwysig o wasanaeth Menter Bro Morgannwg ac yn un o dargedau Strategaeth Iaith Gymraeg Llywodraeth Cymru. Bydd cyrsiau wythnosol newydd yn rhan o raglen tymor yr haf, ac mae'r ddarpariaeth bresennol yn cynnwys:

Amser Stori
Cynhelir sesiynau stori a chan am ddim yn wythnosol yn ystod tymor yr ysgol - yn Llyfrgell y Barri (dydd Mawrth 10.30am), Llyfrgell Llanilltud Fawr (dydd

lau 10.30am) a Llyfrgell y Bontfaen (dydd lau 2pm). Bydd sesiwn newydd sbon yn dechrau yn Llyfrgell Dinas Powys ar ddydd lau Mawrth 10eg am 10am. Croeso i bawb!

Wac Welis
Mae'r Fenter yn cynnal teithiau natur dan arweiniad Jén Dafis yn fisol rhwng nawr a'r haf. Cynhaliwyd y cyntaf o'r rhain yn Cosmeston yn ystod hanner tymor Chwefror, ac fe gafwyd bore llawn hwyl er gwaethaf y glaw!

Bydd y sesiwn nesaf yn cael ei gynnal ar ddydd Sadwrn Mawrth 25ain yn Llanilltud Fawr, gan gyfarfod am 10am ym maes parcio traeth Llanilltud Fawr. Dewch i ddysgu mwy am fydd natur trwy hwyl, a chofiwch eich welis! Mae hwn yn weithgaredd i'r teulu cyfan ond wedi'i anelu yn benodol at blant 0-5 mlwydd oed. Y pris yw £3.50 y plentyn a gallwch gofrestru ar wefan y Fenter neu trwy gysylltu gyda ffion@menterbromorgannwg.cymru / 029 20689888.

CYNLLUN GOFAL GWYLIAU

Cafom hanner tymor Chwefror prysur eto yn y Cynllun Gofal, gyda gweithgareddau'n cynnwys Gweithdy Serameg, Ceginio Crempogau, Chwaraeon yr Urdd, Gwylgrefft, Parti Chwe Gwlad a Thrip i'r Sinema.

Mae'r Cynllun Gofal yn cael ei gynnal yn Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg yn ystod pob gwyliau ysgol ag eithrio'r Nadolig, ac ar gael i bob plentyn sy'n derbyn addysg cynradd Gymraeg yn y Fro. Y pris yw £20 y plentyn/y diwrnod, gyda dydd



Gwener yn hanner pris os ydy'ch plentyn yn mynychu unrhyw ddiwrnod arall o fewn yr un wythnos.

Dyma'r unig ddarpariaeth gofal diwrnod cyfan cyfrwng Gymraeg ym

Mro Morgannwg (8.30am-5.30pm) ac felly mae'n cynnig cyfleoedd hollbwysig i rieni barhau i weithio ac i'r plant i barhau i ddefnyddio ac ymarfer eu Gymraeg y tu allan i dymor yr ysgol.

PENWYTHNOS TEULU I LANGRANNOG

Mae nifer bach o lefydd ar ôl ar ein Penwythnos Teulu i Langrannog, sy'n cael ei gynnal ar benwythnosau cyntaf y gwyliau Pasg, 7-9fed o Ebrill 2017.

Prisiau: Oedolion £135, Plant 8+ oed £112, Plant 4-7 oed £82, Plant 2-3 oed £55, Plant dan 2 oed £15. Mae'r pris yn cynnwys llety en-suite,

brecwast, cinio, tē a swper, pob gweithgaredd yn y gwersyll, taith gerdded i'r traeth, twmpath a band byw, helia wyau Pasg a gwers Gymraeg i Oedolion i'r rhieni. Gofynnir am flaendâl o £50 i gadarnhau'ch lle, a bydd angen i weddill y ffi gael ei dalu'n llawn erbyn y penwythnos ei hun. Cysylltwch gyda ni os hoffech chi gofrestru!

DARPARIAETH I DDYSGWYR

Mae datblygu cyfleoedd allgyrsiol yn hollbwysig er mwyn cefnogi'r broses o ddysgu ffurfiol, ac mae'r Fenter wedi derbyn cyllid o fewn y Fframwaith newydd i gynnig cyfleoedd i ddysgwyr ymarfer a defnyddio eu Gymraeg yn gymdeithasol. Mae'r gweithgareddau yma'n addas i ddysgwyr o bob lefel.

Bore Coffi
Rydym yn cynnal Bore Coffi misol yn Foxy's Deli, Penarth, a hynny ar ddydd lau cyntaf pob mis. Ymunwch â ni rhwng 10-11am am glonc dros goffi! Dyddiadau nesaf: Ebrill 6ed, Mai 4ydd.

Dysgu a Diod
Rydym yn ddiweddar hefyd wedi sefydlu sgwsio gyda'r nos, sy'n cyfarfod ar nos Lun cyntaf pob mis rhwng 7-8pm yn yr Old White Hart, Llanilltud Fawr. Cyfle gwyb i gyfarfod dysgwyr eraill ac ymarfer dy Gymraeg - croeso i bawb! Dyddiadau nesaf: Ebrill 3ydd, Mai 8fed (oherwydd y Gŵyl Banc).



GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2017



I ddathlu Dydd Miwsig Cymru ar Chwefror 10fed, fe gyhoeddwyd y bydd Gŵyl Fach y Fro eleni'n cael ei gynnal ar ddydd Sadwrn Mehefin 17eg. Ar Ynys y Barri unwaith eto,

gyda phrynhawn llawn dop o adloniant cerddorol, bwyd a diod, stondinau, perfformiadau stryd a gweithgareddau o bob math.

Byddwn yn lansio'r ŵyl a'r line-up llawn ym mis Ebrill - gwylwch allan am y cyhoed-

diad hynny! Ydyd chi'n wneuthurwr lleol, ac â diddordeb i gynnal stondin grefftiau neu gynnwyrch Cymreig yn yr ŵyl eleni? Rydym yn derbyn ceisiadau ar hyn o bryd felly cysylltwch gyda ni am fwy o wybodaeth. #gwylfachyfro

CLYBIAU CHWARAEON

Mae nifer o glybiau chwaraeon wythnosol yn cael eu trefnu ar draws y Fro, mewn partneriaeth rhwng Menter Bro Morgannwg, Cyngor Bro Morgannwg ac Adran Chwaraeon yr Urdd.

Rydym yn edrych ymlaen at dymor arall prysur o glybiau ar ôl y Pasg fydd yn cynnwys Nofio, Gymnasteg, Athletau a chlybiau Aml-chwaraeon. Am fwy o wybodaeth am y gweithgareddau uchod, ac i gofrestru'ch plentyn, cysylltwch â Liam Higgins: liamhiggins@urdd.org / 07976 003344.

HYSBYSEB SWYDD

Mae Menter Bro Morgannwg yn chwilio am berson addas a brwdfrydig i arwain eu Cynllun Gofal Gwyliau.

Bydd angen i'r ymgeisydd llwyddiannus fod â chymhwyster Lefel 3 neu uwch mewn Gofal Plant/Chwarae, a dwy flynedd o brofiad o weithio ym maes Gofal Plant. Am ffurflen gais a swydd ddisgrifiad llawn, cysylltwch gyda leanne@mentercaerdydd.cymru / 029 20689888.



AGREEMENT SIGNED TO PROMOTE THE SOCIAL USE OF WELSH IN THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN

The Vale of Glamorgan Council and Menter Bro Morgannwg have signed a new framework agreement to develop new services to strengthen the Welsh language within communities in the Vale.

Menter Bro Morgannwg was established in April 2013 with the aim of promoting and expanding the social use of the Welsh Language in the Vale of Glamorgan. Since then, they have been working closely with the Council to deliver a number of activities and events to create more opportunities for Vale residents to use the language outside of work

and school. These include a Welsh language festival held on Barry Island, Gŵyl Fach y Fro, baby swimming lessons and other recreational activities for all ages.

Since the establishment of Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg in 2000 there has been a significant increase in the number of parents choosing Welsh medium education for their children. This, in turn, will result in an increase in the number of Welsh speakers in the Vale of Glamorgan. Menter Bro Morgannwg's aim is to encourage those in Welsh medium education, and their parents, to use Welsh outside of the classroom in social situations.

This framework agree-

ment is a formal recognition of the partnership work that has already taken place between Menter Bro Morgannwg and the Council to provide these activities and a commitment to continue to working together to deliver these opportunities in the future. It also highlights the Council's commitment to work with the Welsh Government to achieve the aims of their strategy. A living language, a language for living.

Sian Lewis, Chief Executive Officer of Menter Bro Morgannwg said,

'We are pleased that the Council has entered in to this agreement, which guarantees that we will be able to continue to build on the good

work that has already been carried out here in the Vale. We have just had our second Gŵyl Fach y Fro festival, which was a huge success, and we hope to keep working closely with the Council to provide events like this and fulfil our aim as an organisation.'

Rob Thomas, Managing Director of the Vale of Glamorgan Council said,

'This agreement will strengthen the partner-

ship between the Council and Menter Bro Morgannwg. As a public organisation in Wales the Council fully understands its role in developing use of the language and its responsibility to provide residents with a variety of community activities through the medium of Welsh. I look forward to building on this partnership and progressing our aim as a Council to build strong communities with a bright future.'

FAMILY ACTIVITIES



Providing a variety of activities for families is an important part of Menter Bro Morgannwg's service and one of the main targets set out in Welsh Government's Welsh Language Strategy. All of these activities are held through the medium of Welsh in terms of communication with the children, but is suitable for non-Welsh speaking parents/guardians. A new programme of weekly courses will start in the summer term, and current activities includes:

Amser Stori / Storytime

We run free weekly Welsh-medium storytime sessions during the school term - in Barry

Library (Tuesday 10.30am), Llantwit Major Library (Thursday 10.30am) and Cowbridge Library (Thursday 2pm). There will be a brand new session starting in Dinas Powys Library on Thursday March 16th at 10am. A warm welcome to all!

Welly Walk

Menter Bro Morgannwg will also organise monthly nature trails with Jén Dafis between now and the summer. The first of these were held at Cosmeston during February half term, and we had a morning full of fun despite the weather!

The next session will be held on Saturday March 25th at Llantwit Major, and we will meet at 10am in the beach car park. Come along to learn more about nature in this interactive and fun walk, and don't forget your wellies! This is an activity for the whole family but is aimed specifically at children aged 0-5 years. The price is £3.50 per child and you can book ahead on Menter's website or by contacting ffion@menterbromorgannwg.cymru / 029 20689888.

HOLIDAY CARESCHEME

We had yet another busy February half term at the Carescheme, with activities including a Ceramics Workshop, Making Pancakes, Urdd Sport Workshop, Little Adventures Outdoor Activities, Six Nations Party and a Trip to the Cinema.

The Holiday Carescheme is held at Ysgol Gymraeg Bro Morgannwg during every school holiday excluding Christmas, and is available to every child receiving Welsh medium primary education in the Vale. The price is £20 per child/per day, with Friday half price if your child attends any other day during the same week.

This is the only Welsh-medium full day care provision in the Vale of Glamorgan (8.30am-5.30pm) and provides an important service which allows parents to continue to work during school holiday periods and for the children to continue to speak Welsh outside the school term.



FAMILY WEEKEND TO LLANGRANNOG

There are a few spaces left on our Family Weekend to Llangrannog, which is held on the first weekend of the Easter holidays, 7-9th of April 2017.

Prices: Adults £135, Children aged 8+ £112, Children aged 4-7 £82, Children aged 2-3 £55, Children under 2 years old £15. The price includes en-

suite accommodation, breakfast, lunch, tea and supper, all of the centre's activities, a guided walk to the beach, twmpath with live band, Easter egg hunt and a Welsh lesson for adults. You will need to pay a £50 deposit to confirm your place, and the remaining fee will need to be paid in full before the weekend itself. Please contact us if you'd like to book!

WELSH LEARNERS

Providing a range of social opportunities is crucial in order to support the formal learning process, and

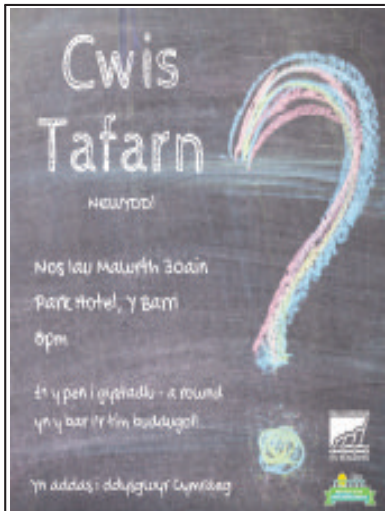
Menter Bro Morgannwg has received funding within the new Framework to develop a programme of extra-curricular activities which will give learners opportunities to practise and use their Welsh outside the classroom environment. These activities are all suitable for Welsh learners of all levels.

Coffee Morning

We run a monthly Coffee Morning at Foxy's Deli, Penarth, on the first Thursday of every month. Join us between 10-11am to chat and practise your Cymraeg over a cuppa! Upcoming dates: April 6th, May 4th.

Dysgu a Diod

We have also recently established a new evening conversational session, which meets on the first Monday of every month, 7-8pm at the Old White Hart, Llantwit Major. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Welsh learners and chat informally. Upcoming dates: April 3rd, May 8th (because of the Bank Holiday).



GŴYL FACH Y FRO 2017



To celebrate Welsh Language Music Day on February 10th, we announced that this year's Gŵyl Fach y Fro will be held on Saturday June 17th. It will once again be located at Barry Island's Eastern Promenade, with an afternoon full of musical entertainment, food and drink, craft stalls, street performances and activities for all

ages.

The full line-up will be announced in April - so keep an eye out for that announcement!

Are you a local craftworker or producer, and interested to run a stall at this year's festival? We are taking applications at the moment so please contact us for more information.

#gwylfachyfro

SPORTS CLUBS

There are many weekly sports clubs held across the Vale, in partnership between Menter Bro Morgannwg, the Vale of Glamorgan Council and the Urdd Sport Department.

We are looking forward to yet another busy term of clubs after Easter which will include Swimming, Gymnastics, Athletics, Netball and Multi-sports Clubs. For more information about these activities, and to book a place for your child, please contact Liam Higgins: liamhiggins@urdd.org / 07976 003344.

JOB VACANCY

We are currently looking to recruit 3 individuals to lead our Holiday Careschemes in both Cardiff and the Vale.

The successful applicants will have a Level 3 qualification in Childcare/Play, and the ability to converse in both Welsh and English is essential. For more information please contact leanne@mentercaerdydd.cymru / 029 20689888.



Composer Steph Power (centre), Mike Edwards and Val Warlow (Valeways) and Cathy Morris and Jennifer Hill (Vale Music Festival).

Walking with music

PLANS are well under way for both the Vale of Glamorgan Walking Festival and the Vale Music Festival, to be held in May.

In previous years, a walk combined with a concert, has proved to be very popular, allowing people the opportunity to combine their love of music and walking in a unique way. This year's programme has an added interest as composer and critic Steph Power was commissioned to write a piece of music inspired by the Welsh landscape.

This composition, entitled 'Andante', written for flute, oboe and piano and performed by the Marsyas Trio will be premiered at Ewenny Priory on Thursday, May 25 at 7.30pm.

The performance will be preceded by a walk entitled 'Mediaeval Splendour' at 3.30pm as part of the Walking Festival.

Valeways' Coffee Shop Strollers were delighted when Steph Power joined them on one of their regular walks around Cold Knap recently in order to gain inspiration for her composition. She returned last week and met the Strollers in the Romilly Two Café, where she gave a preview of her new composition.

Coffee Shop Strollers' Leader Mike Edwards said: "All who were present were privileged to hear part of this piece. Steph explained how she had interwoven the joy of walking with the despair experienced by many refugees, who having lost everything, continue to walk in search of a better life. We look forward to hearing the complete piece."

Full details of all walks can be found on the Walking Festival website:

www.valeofglamorganwalkingfestival.org.uk. Details of this year's Music Festival can be found on www.valeofglamorganfestival.org.uk.

Wake-up call for MP at Vale tortoise sanctuary!



Alun Cairns MP with Ann Ovenstone, Celia Claypole and one of their young guests.

THE International Tortoise Sanctuary at Sully in the Vale has told the local MP about its efforts to protect and house tortoises from across the UK.

Alun Cairns' visit coincided with the 'big tortoise wake-up' – the few days at the end of February when tortoise owners collect their animals from hibernation in specially-cooled sheds at the sanctuary.

In addition to providing hibernation facilities, the International Tortoise Association re-homes tortoises illegally brought into the UK, and also cares for tortoises that are sick and injured.

The MP was "shocked" to discover that there are more than 800 tortoises at the charity's site, of all breeds and sizes.

The sanctuary is run by Ann Ovenstone and Celia Claypole, who provide round the clock care, and shared misconceptions about tortoises.

Mr Cairns said: "It was a great pleasure to meet Ann, Celia and the tortoises! I was in awe of the complex systems they have for caring for so many tortoises of different species."

"Ann and Celia are volunteers who do so much for these animals. Importantly, they are teaching others who love tortoises about caring for them properly."

Fire and Rescue authorities are set to receive £1.8m boost



FIRE and rescue authorities are to receive £1.8m over the next two years – to help them meet new statutory duties to respond to flooding and water-related emergencies which present a risk of death, serious injury or serious illness – Communities and Children Secretary, Carl Sargeant AM has announced.

He made the announcement during a visit to the Cardiff International White Water Centre, where South Wales Fire and Rescue Service personnel were water rescue training and gave a demonstration of rescues from vehicles in water, inflatable sled rescues and swift water boat rescues.

While fire and rescue authorities already respond to flooding and inland water rescue incidents using their

existing general powers and resources, they are not required to do so.

The Cabinet Secretary has signed an Order which will create a statutory duty on the three fire and rescue authorities in Wales to respond to these incidents.

To support the introduction of the new duty, funding has been made available to replace ageing flooding and water rescue equipment, and to purchase a second high volume pump in north Wales.

South Wales Fire and Rescue Service's chief fire officer, Huw Jakeway said: "For us, keeping our communities and firefighters safe in and around the water has always been a priority."

"The new funding for equipment, over the next two financial years, will enable us to continue to serve our communities to the highest standard."

ABOVE; Communities and Children Secretary Carl Sargeant with the SWFRS water rescue teams

Wales Air Ambulance's fourth aircraft to run seven days a week...

AS Wales Air Ambulance marks its 16th anniversary, the charity's latest aircraft will be extending its service to operate seven days a week – helping children like Elain James, who needed two emergency transfers at just 12 weeks old.



Elain James who was airlifted twice by the Wales Air Ambulance

She was just 12 weeks old when she first needed to be airlifted by the charity's specialist children's division, The Children's Wales Air Ambulance.

Elain's mum Bridget James, 33, said: "Elain, who's now seven, was born with a rare heart condition called pulmonary atresia, which affects the flow of blood through her heart valves."

"In the first few weeks of her life, she needed to be taken to specialist hospital units in Cardiff and Bristol. At three months old, Elain suddenly collapsed at home in Aberystwyth and we needed to get her

to the specialist unit in Cardiff, as they were the closest hospital equipped to deal with her condition.

"It would have taken more than three hours to get her there by road, which just wasn't an option in my mind; she wouldn't have made the journey."

"Instead, the Wales Air Ambulance got her there in just 30 minutes and Elain was seen by her specialists straight away, saving her life."

The EC135 T2e aircraft, based in Cardiff, is dedicated to completing inter-hospital transfers. Extending this helicopter's operating hours from five days per week will mean that all four of the charity's aircraft will now run seven days a week.

All aspects of the seven-day transfer service – from the crew to the kit on board – will be entirely funded by the Wales Air Ambulance, with no Government or lottery funding. The extra operating hours will mean that the charity can help save more lives across Wales.

Angela Hughes, chief executive of Wales Air Ambulance, said they had been keen to move to a seven day operation for some time.

"In June last year, we launched our fourth aircraft and Cardiff base, making us the biggest air ambulance operation in the UK."

To find out more about the Children's Wales Air Ambulance and its latest news, visit www.childrenswalesairaambulance.com

Dr Margaret's tips for local mums-to-be on staying healthy

ABMU consultant Margery Morgan hoped World Birth Defects Day, which took place on March 3, will help remind local mothers and mums-to-be how important it is to stay healthy.

Consultant obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr Morgan is lead clinician for the Congenital Anomaly Register and Information Service for Wales (CARIS).

The service, which collects data about congenital anomalies and birth defects, has been highlighting problems that some infections can cause in pregnancy and what can be done to prevent unnecessary risks.

She said: "Infections can cause serious illness, developmental problems and lifelong disability, such as hearing loss for the baby."

To avoid infection, it was recommended that women wash their hands before and after

preparing food. They should avoid soft or unpasteurised cheeses, pate and some fish – if unsure, check with their midwife;

OTHER ADVICE

Current advice is not to travel while pregnant to parts of the world that have the Zika virus;

Care is needed with pets – pregnant women should not change dirty cat litter and wash their hands after contact with any pet or farm animals;

Avoid contact with anyone who has an infection;

Wash hands: before and after food preparation; when handling raw meat, eggs or unwashed vegetables; after gardening or touching dirt or soil; after touching pets and other animals; after playing with children, wiping runny noses and changing nappies.

For more information about events or CARIS and its work, go to www.caris.wales.nhs.uk or contact david.tucker2@wales.nhs.uk phone 01792 285241.

Focus is on STEM skills

VALE AM Jane Hutt is using her annual spring breakfast to focus on the importance of STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) roles in education and employment in Wales, when Welsh Government Skills and Science Minister Julie James is guest speaker.

Ms Hutt said: "The importance of STEM skills to the future prosperity of Wales is well established and yet there continues to be a

decline in the take up of many STEM subjects at school.

"The arrival of iconic British car make Aston Martin in the Vale is great news for jobs, but we must also ensure it is great news for the aspirations of our pupils. We should be gearing up our students – both girls and boys – to work at companies like Aston Martin."

The Engineering Change Spring Breakfast is being held at Cardiff and Vale College International Centre for Aerospace Training (ICAT), Cardiff Airport Business Park, CF62 3DP on Thursday, March 9 at 8am to 9.30am.

Walk with Weatherman on Mother's Day for Velindre

BBC weather presenter Derek Brockway has signed up to trek to the lost Inca city of Machu Picchu in September – to raise funds for the Velindre Cancer Centre.

He will be leading a special walk on Sunday, March 26 as he tackles the highest mountain in south Wales, Pen y Fan, which will coincide with Mother's Day.

The Vale-based weatherman explained: "My walk will be the continuation of my fitness regime, as I build up to trekking Peru in September, and I hope lots of people will use the opportunity to celebrate mothers everywhere by signing up and joining me on this Pen y Fan challenge."

"The trek is going to be a challenge and I will need to get fitter over the next six months – but, more importantly, I hope to raise loads of money for Velindre so it can continue to help people in the future, and with more research to (hopefully) find a cure for cancer."

"It's a wonderful charity and helps so many people, including a few of my

friends, family and work colleagues, providing vital treatment, care and support. The number of people suffering from cancer is on the increase; none of us know what's around the corner and I want to do my bit to help."

Head of fundraising at Velindre, Andrew Morris, said: "Having previously organised some very successful treks to Kilimanjaro and Patagonia, we wanted to put together a really special trip, and trekking a remote Inca trail to Machu Picchu certainly fits that bill."

"We have a few places left for the trip, it's a wonderful trek and a great way to raise funds to help Velindre continue to provide help and support for cancer patients in Wales."

Entry for the Mother's Day event is £5, and each participant will be required to raise a minimum of £50. To join Derek and Walk with the Weatherman, visit: www.velindrefundraising.com/bookonline. Details of the Peru trek are at www.velindrefundraising.com.

Rhose Lifeguards take trip out west!



THE blue and white army of Rhose Lifeguards got up at the crack of dawn recently – and headed for Swansea Pool.

There was a great team spirit to start the day, and the team was made up of six masters and 25 juniors, along with all the usual supporters.

Day one saw some great results throughout the team, some personal bests and even some medals.

For the Masters, Simon Parker brought home two fantastic Silvers, in the 50m Manikin Carry and 100m Rescue Medley.

The juniors came away with a great haul too. Manikin Relays seemed a favourite of the day with the under-14 girls team getting bronze, under-16 girls team getting bronze, under-19 girls team getting silver and the open girls team also gaining bronze.

We also medalled in four rope throw events with Emily Parker and Abi Baker getting Silver in the under-14s rope throw, Ben Ewington and Sam Jenkins getting silver in the

under-14s and Oli Wong and Kian Davies gaining silver in the under-16s and Kelsea and Sophia Strinati getting gold in the under-19.

Two very well deserved, individual medals went to Declan Ewington with a bronze in the rescue medley and Emily Parker with a silver in the 100m Manikin Carry.

Day two saw another early start, with some tired eyes but none the less, all eager and raring to go.

Our relays were shining through again, with the girls gaining bronze in the under-14s, silver in the under-16s and bronze in the under-19s medley relays.

To finish to the day off, Simon Parker came away with his third medal of the weekend, a bronze in the 100m Manikin Carry.

A great weekend of competition was enjoyed by all, finishing with our juniors coming away with as the top-placed Welsh club, and overall we were joint second - a great start to the season by all involved. **VW**



Brynhill lady golfers get into the spirit of St David's Day!

ST David's Day celebrations at Brynhill Golf Club started with a 10 hole competition on Tuesday morning.

Several ladies braved the cold weather before the rain hail and sleet started! However, a few did get wet. The winner was Mrs Julie Harkin who scored 19 points.

An evening celebration of everything Welsh started with 15-year-old Caitlin Taylor.

Caitlin, whose mother Lisa plays at Brynhill, attends Ysgol Gyfun Bro Morgannwg and has a beautiful singing voice.

Accompanied by her father Brian (on guitar), they entertained a very appreciative audience.

Our in-house caterer provided a



tasty cawl, followed by cheese and biscuits. Olwyn Thomas (ladies captain) gave a special thanks to Sue Holland, Robbie Lee and Audrey Phillips for their delicious home made Welsh cakes.

A 'Welsh Faces' quiz was particularly hard for some, however, the winning team didn't think so. LT

LLANCARFAN'S Evan Williams has had plenty to smile about of late.

His seven-year-old *Gayebury* ran out a 13 lengths winner at Chepstow in the Pertemps Network Group Handicap Hurdle and could now be bound for the Cheltenham National Hunt Festival meeting.

Last week, Williams sent his *Silver Streak* on a 418-mile trip to Musselburgh and the promising four-year-old, partnered by T J O'Brien, landed the handicap hurdle in fine style after being made the 7-2 joint-favourite.

On the same day at Ffos Las, Evan's *Swift Crusador* took the opening novices' hurdle race, and around an hour or so later, *Get In Pat*, trained by Aberthyn's Tim Vaughan, won the handicap hurdle under Alan Johns.

While at Sedgefield, Evan's aptly-

named *On The Road*, ridden by Adam Wedge, was an odds-on winner in a three-horse race.

ANOTHER EVAN IN THE NEWS

'HAVE saddle will travel' is Llanharan's Evan David's motto.

He won on *Scorpius Star* in north Norfolk and

on *Tailsnip* at Garthorpe. The latter won the restricted race at the Cottesmore meeting, finishing three and a quarter lengths ahead of Lord Golan.

At the east Cornwall meeting at Great Trethew, another Vale rider Byron Moorcroft, was successful on Kevin Saker's *Spencer Moon* in division one of the open maiden.

Spencer Moon, a nine-year-old by *Dr Massini*, scored by eight lengths and was returned the 3-1 joint favourite.

Cowbridge under 11s triumph in London

COWBRIDGE U11s travelled to London Welsh where the Exiles hosted the St David's Day Festival.

Playing under RFU rules, surrounded by Kew Gardens, Cowbridge failed to disappoint; 22 squad players made the trip split into two 11-man teams to play four games each.

First up were the Bears against their fierce rivals, Ealing. A strong performance from the start had Cowbridge running well, probing the Ealing defence continuously.

The pressure was rewarded with a 2-0 win to the Bears, try scorers, Iwan Phillips and George Tuckley.

Next up to face the Bears were London Welsh B, the strength of Cowbridge told, racing ahead and easing home with a 5-1 win, try scorers, Jake Davies (2), Henry Whitehouse, James Collingridge and Harry New.

The third match-up was against a big Bank of England team; however, the pace, power and well-disciplined display from Cowbridge soon told and a 6-0 victory was secured, try scorers, James Collingridge, George Tuckley (2) and a hat-trick for Owen Francis.

The final match up of the day for the Bears was their toughest test, a strong London Welsh A team presented a resilient defence which lasted most of the game, however yet again the well-drilled Bears remained patient and George Tuckley capitalised with a powerful run from the pack securing an unbeaten festival performance.

The Cowbridge Tigers

had an equally impressive performance. First up was Ealing B who provided little resistance.

Cowbridge steamed ahead to an early lead finishing 6-1 victors; try scorers, Ollie Stancombe (2), Henry Davies, Ben Stephenson, Sam Sheppard and Joseph Funtek.

Teddington were next to face the try scoring onslaught, finishing 8-0 to the Tigers, try scorers, Ollie Stancombe (2), Sam Sheppard, Henry Davies, William Martin, Corey Williams and Paddy Whitestone (2).

The third game for the Tigers against Bank of England continued in similar vein with another 8-0 victory, try scorers, Sam Sheppard (2), Ollie Stancombe, Paddy Whitestone, James Lord (2), Joseph Funtek and Ben Stephenson.

The final game for the Tigers was against the hosts, London Welsh C, the Tigers finished with a 7-0 comfortable win, try scorers, Sam Sheppard and Ollie Stancombe with a hat-trick each and Sam Jackson powering through from the pack.

A scintillating display of rugby by both teams, 8 out of 8 games won, over 30 tries scored and only two conceded. Thank you to players, parents and supporters for making the journey. KN

CAVC student Tegan set to swim for Wales

TEGAN FRIZELLE, an A-level student at Cardiff and Vale College, is set to represent Wales in an international swimming tournament in France.

The 16-year-old from Cardiff will head to Marseille to compete in the FFN Golden Tour 2017, a series of swimming meets held in France. The Marseille leg is also part of the calendar of the European Swimming League.

"I got a good qualifying time in the nationals so I was picked to represent Wales in France," Tegan said.

"In the summer, I'm hoping to qualify for the Youth Commonwealth Games in the Bahamas, the British Nationals take place after that. There are lots of different competitions to go through to qualify for the Commonwealth Games."

Tegan's main event is the 200m individual medley – a race in which swimmers compete in all four strokes,



Tegan Frizelle, who will represent Wales at the competition in Marseille.

breaststroke, backstroke, butterfly and crawl, in the same event.

"I'm really excited to be going over to France," Tegan said. "The World Record holder for the 200m IM is going to be there, and that's my main event."

Tegan has been swimming for Cardiff since the age of ten and recently went to Plymouth College, a boarding school with a Performance Swimming Academy. She decided to sit her A-levels at Cardiff and Vale College as she wanted to be closer to home before going to university.

Dinas Ladies win Cup quarter final

IN THE SWWGL Women's Alun Evans League Cup quarter finals Caldicot Ladies crashed out to Dinas Powys Ladies 1 - 3.

In terrible conditions with the wind blowing strongly and the rain coming down this wasn't a game for the faint hearted.

Caldicot currently sit top of the premiership and look odds on favourites to claim the title so this was a game that the villagers knew they would have to be at their very best.

The home side started the brightest as they went on the attack from the opening whistle. Dinas looked to take advantage of the wind behind them in the first half and continuously put the ball behind the Caldicot back four.

Laura Murray managed to latch on to one of the balls and coolly lifted the ball over the home side's keeper.

The visitors then started to attack with more purpose and looked for a second. Molly Chapman could have increased the lead as she ghosted in behind her full back but fired directly at the Caldicot keeper.

Caldicot had plenty of pace in attack but some strong defending kept them at bay for the first 45 minutes at least.

Dinas had a dream start to the second half as

their little Japanese midfielder freed Murray whose shot trickled over the line.

The home side threw bodies forward but Kelly Tuck, Rachel Beare, Vicki Ellison and Alicia Cox backed up by Naomi Wilson in goal defended bravely. They headed everything away, blocked crosses and tackled anything to deny Caldicot.

Dinas looked to counter attack and in Molly Chapman, Sophie Whittle, Demi Bounds and Murray they possess plenty of pace. In fact it was the left back Ellison who provided the cross for Demi Bounds to finish at the back post with a delightful lob.

Nao, Jo Jones and Sam Saunders the oldest midfielder three in the leagues played with a youthful stride today as the miles they got through must have been very high. They plugged holes and started attacks, whilst having the ability to track their runners.

Caldicot pulled a goal back late on and Dinas made their subs to add some fresh legs.

This was a very solid display from the Villagers who continue their unbeaten run to the season, well done ladies. Good luck to Luke and his ladies for their run in and see you in the SWFA cup final on April 30.

Lee Saunders

Williams's winner

EVAN WILLIAMS'S Sunday coming home *On The Road*, ridden by Adam Wedge, landed the £18,768 Collins Seafoods Young Chaser Series Final Handicap Chase at Sedgefield on

Vaughan's victory

TIM VAUGHAN'S *Debece*, which went off the 5-2 favourite, was a very easy winner at Newbury last Friday under Alan Johns, coming home 19 lengths ahead of *Leaderofthedance*.

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Chess championships

THE last week saw three different competitions take place.

First there was the third round of the Barry Club Championships. This was followed on the weekend by the Dyfed Congress held at Fishguard and at the same time the Bristol Congress.

In the club championships both Sam Jukes and Ken Hannah recorded their third consecutive victories.

They hold the top two places and will inevitably be paired with one another in the next round.

Pride of place goes to Sam Jukes who played in the Bristol Congress in the Major section. He was ranked 10th but with 3 wins and 2 draws from his 5 matches sam took the title earning 37 ratings points along the way.

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Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare. To be received into St Helen's Roman Catholic Church, Court Road, Barry, CF63 4ET on Sunday, 12 March at 4.00pm. Requiem Mass on Monday, 13 March at 10.00am, followed by cremation at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium at 12 noon. Family flowers only, if desired, donations may be handed to the funeral director after the funeral or sent to Cardiac Unit, the University Hospital of Wales, Heath Park, CF14 4XW, c/o Mrs L Barrett.

BENTLEY

Catherine Rhoda
(née Bennett)

Suddenly but peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on February 28, 2017, Cath, aged 90 years. Beloved wife of the late Fred, much loved mum of Anne and son-in-law Alun.

Cath will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service in the Chapel of Rest on Tuesday, March 14 at 2pm, followed by committal at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired for The British Heart Foundation c/o the funeral director.

REES

Sian

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HARRIS

Reninghelst Alfred

Peacefully at the Bellavista Nursing Home, Barry on March 4th, Ren, aged 96 years, formerly of Fomnon Road, Rhose. Dearly beloved husband of the late Maud.

Ren will be sadly missed by all his loving family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until his funeral service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Monday, March 20th at 3pm. Immediate family flowers only. Donations in lieu of flowers to a charity of your choice.

BERGLAND

(Née Irish)
Patricia (Pat)

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff on March 5th. Pat of Newlands Street, Barry. Dearly beloved wife of John, much loved mum of Deborah and Yvonne. Mother-in-law of James and John. Special gran of Kyle, Jessica, Kylie and Ben, great-nan of Sienna.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service in the chapel on Tuesday, March 21st at 10.30am, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 12 noon. Family flowers only, but donations in lieu of flowers to Marie Curie Cancer Care, Holme Tower, Brigeman Road, Penarth, CF64 3YR.

ROBERTS

Jean Ellen (née Helm)

The family regret to announce that on February 28, 2017 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth, after a long battle with ongoing illnesses and only being diagnosed with cancer in late January of this year, Jean aged 68 years.

Beloved wife of the late Len, much loved sister of Diane and David, loved aunt of Caroline, Matthew, Fran and Steven. Known by many for walking her poodle Sadie and her love of dogs. All that met and knew her would be welcomed by all the family.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Monday, March 13 at 2pm. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired for Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth c/o the funeral director.

BAKER

Wendy Estella

Peacefully at Holme Towers, Penarth, Wendy, much loved wife of the late Sidney, loving mother of Kerry and mother-in-law of Kevin. Grandmother of Peter, James and Georgia and great grandmother of Ifan.

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Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, College Street, Llantwit Major until the graveside service in Boverton Cemetery on Saturday, 11th March at 11am.

EVANS

Brian George

Suddenly after a short illness, Brian, aged 72 years, retired of Lex Accountant, beloved husband of Jean, loved brother of Robert, Alan and Graham.

Brian will be sadly missed by all his family and friends.

Resting at A.G. Adams Funeralcare until the service at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium on Tuesday, March 14 at 10am. Family flowers only, donations in lieu, if so desired for Marie Curie c/o the funeral director.

EADY

Michael David

Suddenly passed away at home after a long illness on February 24, 2017. Beloved husband of Merry. Much loved son of Michael Snr and the late Dot, brother to Christopher. Adored father of Melanie and Michael, step-dad of Peter and Thomas. Grandad to Bethan, Joshua, Matthew, Kelsey and Morgan, father-in-law to Jo.

Resting at Park Funeral Directors until his service on Friday, March 17th at 2pm at Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Port Road, Barry. Family flowers only, any donations in lieu of flowers to be donated to RNLI at the service.

HARRIS

Suzanne Elizabeth

Peacefully on 2nd March at her home in Bridgend, with family by her side, Sue (Bev), aged 61 years. Dearly loved mum to Sian and James, much loved daughter of Diana and Brian.

She will be greatly missed by all her loving family and friends.

Resting at W.A. Brown & Son, Llantwit Major until the service at Coychurch Crematorium on Friday, 17th March at 11.30am (where all please meet). Please wear a pink item. Family flowers only please. If wished donations for Marie Curie c/o the funeral home (cheques only please).

WILLIAMS

Dorothy Mary (née Paulding)

Peacefully at the University Hospital of Wales Cardiff on February 26th, Dorothy of Barry. Dearly beloved wife of the late Owen, much loved mum of Alan and Jane, mother-in-law of Barbara and Mark. Adored nan of Karen, Cathy, Emily, Jess and John, great-nan of William, Cory and Harry.

Resting at A.G. Adams & Son Funeralcare, Gladstone Road, Barry until her funeral service and committal at the Cardiff & Glamorgan Crematorium, Barry on Friday, March 17th at 10am. Flowers may be sent to the funeral home.

MAVIN

Pamela Dianne (Pam)

On 28th February 2017 at Marie Curie Hospice, Penarth after an illness borne with indomitable courage, dignity and style. Pam of Llantwit Major, devoted wife of Phil, much loved mum of Paul and the late Sarah (Sass). Loving mother-in-law of Billie and proud grandmother of Harry and Lola.

Resting at the Vale Funeral Service, 181 Court Road Barry until her service at St Illtud's Church, Llantwit Major on Friday, 17th of March at 2pm, followed by a private family committal at Coychurch Crematorium. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, may be made at the service or via Pam's online tribute page at www.valefuneralservice.co.uk where you are also welcome to leave your personal messages and memories. All donations received to support Marie Curie Hospice in memory of Pam.

Acknowledgement

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Peter

Diane, Andrew and family wish to thank those who attended Peter's funeral and for the many cards and flowers sent.

We wish to thank Rev Canon David Brunning for the lovely service, the doctors and nurses of the Vale Surgery, Velindre Hospital for their wonderful care, David and Sheralee for their devotion, to Jeff for being such a good brother and Eileen for being such a good friend. Also, thanks to Elizabeth Kirkham and Chris for preparing the lovely food.

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FAVOURITE PORTS AND PADDLERS

To Barry on Britannia!

by BRIAN KEITCH



SS Britannia.

PADDLE steamer *Britannia* – flagship of Peter and Alec Campbell's White Funnel fleet for 50 years – had a reputation for speed – up to 20 knots.

Seen here towards the end of her 60-year career off Sully Island, there's no doubting that she is making fair headway in a brisk evening breeze en route to Barry pier, sometime in the 1950s.

Alas, the paucity of customers on board was a feature of that decade for the ships, resulting in insolvency in 1956 and effective bankruptcy in August 1958, when a receiver was called in to take control of affairs.

Following reconstruction of sorts (including the end of the paddle steamer era) P & A Campbell Ltd plodded on with largely geriatric motorships until 1980 when the inevitable came. Paddle steamer *Waverley* and motor vessel *Balmoral* have attempted to fill the gap with varying degrees of success since then.

Meanwhile, back to Sully/Swanbridge – before the purpose-built excursion steamers took to the water a variety of early steam-powered packets and tugs made a welcome bonus to their incomes by making special excursions in the summer months; the Holms Islands were particularly popular because there were pubs there, which were apparently free from excise duties and other restrictions!

Sully's claim to fame as a passenger 'port' was short-lived. The Swansea to Bristol packet steamers *Glamorgan* and *Bristol* called here, commencing in 1823 as a connection for Cardiff.

However, in March 1834 the wooden paddler *Nautilus* started a ferry run from a fast-developing seaport of Cardiff to Bristol. From the following year – February 1835 – Sully ceased to be a proxy port of Cardiff and had little to offer to passenger ships, as no references to Sully as a destination appear thereafter. Tell me if there are!

Sea excursions did, however, visit the then 'Barry Island' for a play on the beach and a pint.

Meanwhile, back to the 'Brit'. Built by S McKnight & Co Ltd, Ayr; she was the third of Campbell's 'flyers' constructed between 1894 and 1896 to 'run off' other steam boat companies' operations on the Severn sea, the others being the *Westward Ho* and the *Cambria*.

Enthusiasts back then had entertaining – even heated – debates as to which ship was the 'Cock of the Channel', ie the fastest: 18, 19, 19.5, 20 knots and so on. But with

different tidal and weather conditions every day it was all rather academic.

Apart from the destination, the catering on board was something to get quite peckish about.

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Ok, it was 1930 and a half pint bottle of home brewed was 2.5p (Bass ale would sting you a bit more – 3p or so). Sundries – cake, sandwiches, tea, coffee or Bovril or Oxo were available throughout the journey if you still felt a bit of a gap under your pinny.

And paddle steamer *Britannia*? She was the flagship of the fleet until the arrival of the brand new *Bristol Queen* built by Hill's of Bristol in 1946. She saw service in both World Wars carrying different names.

Britannia sailed on most of Campbell's routes including the south coast of England. She suffered badly through poor maintenance in the Second World War, and shortly after return to service in 1946 her boiler collapsed. Up until then she had always had one funnel, but the new replacement boiler required two – and various alterations to the ship (as we see in the picture).

A main mast was added to the vessel in 1954 in accordance with Board of Trade requirements (as for all of the fleet) but following the withdrawal of her consort paddle steamer *Ravenswood* of 1891 (which was scrapped in John Cashmore's yard at the end of 1955) it was the *Britannia*'s turn the following year in the same place.

A 'last excursion' was run from Bristol to Ilfracombe on September 26, 1956 amid much in the way of fly-pasts (by the Britannia aircraft from Bristol) and speeches. However, despite her being put up for sale another Campbell steamer – *Glen Usk* – came out in sympathy, allowing the Brit a few more days sailing on the Cardiff-Weston ferry.

In December that year, she was reduced to pieces. John Cashmore's yard had one more White Funnel ship to deal with – *Cardiff Queen* – but not until 1968.

Next stop: the station with no timetable and comings and goings at Barry pier (boats and trains).

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Dated / Dyddiedig: 9 March, 2017

V. L. Robinson
Operational Manager,
Regeneration and Planning,
Vale of Glamorgan Council,
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Cottrell Park Ladies battle it out on St David's Day

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Two teams, the Daffodils and the Leeks played a nine-hole competition, with the best two out of three scores counting on the Mackintosh course.

The Daffodils won with 152 points against the Leeks 137. Bouquets of spring flowers were presented by Jeannette Williams, the ladies' captain to the best group in each team.

In the Daffodils, it was Anne Birt, Regina Drew

and Patsie Smith with 30 points, and in the Leeks it was Rose Dawson, Anne Woosnam and Jan Gambling (27).

There was excitement when Regina Drew scored a hole in one on the eighth hole and she was congratulated by the captain.

A raffle was held with all the prizes having a Welsh theme. Sandwiches and chips were enjoyed by all.

Jeannette thanked those who had helped to organise the day - Angela Padfield for the flowers, Alma Davies for the raffle and Margaret Thomas the competition. Anne Birt gave a vote of thanks. **CB**



The top performers in the Leeks team, with ladies captain Jeannette Williams (second left)...



The top performers in the Daffodils team.

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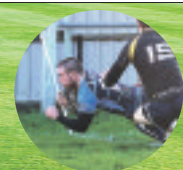
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Wales need to remember how good they are!

by Don John

THE at times turbulent history of clashes between two proud Celtic cousins, since they first squared up at Lansdown Road, Dublin on January 28, 1882 in the old Home Nations tournament – all of 135 years ago – has often given special meaning to the term ‘close-fought’!

Wales may have emerged with the spoils in 67 encounters, to Ireland's 50 (with seven matches drawn), but there has been many a notorious occasion in the distant past when passions have spilled over and blood spilled, with no quarter expected – or given – by either side!

Not, of course, that we can expect such unpalatable scenes to be repeated in the 125th clash at Cardiff's Principality Stadium on Friday evening, though it should not lack for drama and intensity with so much at stake for both sides.

The Irish have shrugged off the shock of their surprise defeat by the resurgent Scots and still retain hopes of frustrating an English back-to-back Grand Slam and claiming the RBS Six Nations championship for themselves.

After losing to both England and Scotland, Wales have no such hopes, but nevertheless see this as a must-win match, as one of only two chances, not only to rescue a respectable place in the final table, but to safeguard against another ‘group of death’ seeding in the next Rugby World Cup draw.

Both sets of players, of course, will also have half an eye on the Irish and British Lions' summer tour to New Zealand, and will be keen to remind watching tour coach Warren Gatland of their credentials – with Welsh hopefuls, in particular, knowing they have much ground to make up after the second half, error-filled horror show in Edinburgh.

Mind you, that could also apply to assistant coaches appointed for the tour – like Wales' caretaker head coach, Robert Howley, who will be keen to get out of the firing line after media speculation over how much decisions made off the field of play have been a factor in recent, inconsistent displays.

Perhaps, above all, the coaching team will want to settle any questions over their tactical thinking and effectiveness in preparing and motivating the squad to perform to their true potential.

A good place to start will be on Friday evening against the Irish. Wales will run out as bookies' underdogs, but that is a mantle they don't easily; and this talented squad know that if they can only remember how good they are, and replicate the wonderfully-committed display that almost undid England, victory is well within their grasp. So, Come on, Wales!

Barry RFC win ‘entertaining’ game in Cardiff

by ANDY JAMIESON

BARRY earned a well deserved win against Clwb Rygbi in Cardiff last Saturday in an entertaining game that saw the lead change hands several times before ending at 25-21 to the visitors.

Early exchanges were fairly even as both sides probed for space which was in short supply as defences ruled.

With both sides conceding penalties the game flowed from end to end without any serious threat of a score.

A 40 metre break from Evans was the catalyst to get the Barry backs into play which then saw E. Scott also break the defence to take the game close to the home line before running out of support.

Barry were not to be denied – when a penalty clearance from Clwb failed to find touch they launched a counter which saw the ball move across the line at pace to finally reach Perry who crossed for a well worked try to give them the first score.

It was Barry's turn to defend as Clwb launched a series of attacks and led to them receiving three kickable penalties. It was Barry's good fortune that Clwb were unable to convert any of them, something they would regret come the final whistle.

The pressure stayed in the Barry 22 and Clwb finally got their reward when they drove a lineout to cross for a try wide out which, when converted, gave the homeside a two point lead.

This was quickly reversed when Clwb were penalised at the restart for Scott to slot over the penalty to take Barry back into the lead. They were to stretch this moments later as Clwb again incurred the referee's displeasure – and again Scott did the rest.

Now playing with some confidence, Barry looked threatening but were unable to turn this pressure into points and were made to pay the price right on half time. A long clearance from Clwb took them to 5 metres from the Barry line and while Barry's defence initially held firm they were unable to stop the field drive to concede a try and conversion to take them into a 14-11 lead as the half ended.

Barry had had enough possession and territory in the first half and must have wondered how they were behind as the second half began.

They received a further shock within the first minutes of the half as Clwb scored a superb try as the ball passed through their backs at pace outstripping the Barry defence and with a successful conversion they had

gone into a 10 point lead.

Once again Clwb infringed at the restart to give Scott the chance to reduce the deficit which he duly did.

Barry made changes with Oaten and O'Sullivan replacing Jones and Hollister and with captain Hadfield driving them on they began to put together some threatening attacks.

A penalty took them deep into home territory where some probing runs by the forwards were creating gaps in the home defence and as these took effect T. Scott took the final pass to cross for a try which went unconverted but the deficit was down to two points with some 20 minutes left.

A further penalty in a very kickable position was turned down by Barry to go for the corner (where has that happened recently?) and ironically they lost the lineout too!

The move resulted in a Clwb scrum which, as if to redress the earlier decision Barry disrupted; from their own put in they caught Clwb offside in front of their posts to give Scott the easiest of chances to give Barry the lead at 22-21.

With the game on a knife edge both teams looked to attack but it was the Barry defence which looked most secure and stifled the opposition, leading to them to concede further penalties which allowed Scott to extend the lead to 4 points.

The final minutes saw Clwb camped in the Barry 22 and a series of driving lineouts took them very close to a score but huge credit to the Barry defence as they held firm and finally turned the ball over to clear their lines.

With play on half way Barry gave no further chances to the home team and with a final penalty to Barry for wheeling, the ball was put into touch to end the game.

A highly entertaining game by both sides and perhaps a fair result on the day, but Clwb will rue those early penalty misses.

There were signs that the Barry threequarters are slowly regaining some welcome confidence, they are always a more effective side with ball in hand, and they need to build on this and believe in themselves a little more.

Next Saturday Barry entertain Gilfach Goch who sit one place below Barry in the league with the kick off at 2.30pm.

For your diary, the recently cancelled game at Aberdare has been rescheduled for Saturday 29th April.

This weeks Lottery Numbers were 03 - 08 - 10 and 12 and again nobody managed to match all four. This weeks prize will be £3,960.

Wenvoe Petanque Club's victory



The victorious Wenvoe team.

WENVOE Petanque Club have been crowned the Welsh Cup for Clubs Champions for 2017, beating Caerleon in a tense final.

In a tough competition in Cardiff on Sunday (March 5), the title was only confirmed in the last round of triples in the afternoon.

The morning event was played on the challenging piste at Pentwyn in the east of the capital, before the teams

moved to Penylan to play the afternoon session in wet and windy condition at the Monkstone Petanque Club.

The victorious captain Bob Pugh stated: "Wenvoe Petanque Club thanks Tony Smith for preparing the pistes at Pentwyn, which were very challenging (in a good way) and providing the rings and scoreboards. Thanks also to the members and committee at Monkstone Petanque Club for their hospitality in the afternoon session."

Barry Town United keep up momentum

by ASHLEY COX

JENNER PARK will be the scene of an important double-header this week, as leaders Barry Town United continue their push for the Welsh League Division One championship.

A single point clear atop the table, the Town host Cambrian and Clydach Vale on Saturday afternoon (2.30pm), before tackling Haverfordwest County under the floodlights on Tuesday evening (7.30pm).

Barry return home off the back of a morale-boosting fifth successive victory on the road, having turned up the heat late on to win an evenly-matched encounter at Port Talbot Town last weekend.

As both sides received the backing of their colourful and vociferous support, this battle of two former Welsh Premier League adversaries (meeting for the first time in Port Talbot since 2004), saw the teams largely cancel each other out; neither doing quite enough to break the other down.

However, with the scores locked at 0-0 heading into the final quarter of play, a pivotal double substitution in the 77th minute gave the visitors a renewed impetus, before the crucial breakthrough came from an 84th minute corner; Curtis Watkins rising high to head home his first Barry goal.

With Blues boss Paul Evans subsequently sent to the stands, the Talbot contingent cannot have been pleased when referee Teifion Cook awarded Barry what appeared a soft penalty in the 89th minute.

Nevertheless, substitute Louis Gerrard made no mistake from the spot; sending goalkeeper Rory McCreesh the wrong way to double Barry's advantage, before teammate Jordan Cotterill showed great skill and control to dispatch a conclusive third past McCreesh in stoppage time.

It was a cruel conclusion to a match that Talbot had competed well in, though with Barry having hit the post before the floodgates eventually opened, it was hard to argue that their

win was undeserved.

Despite the chasing pack of Goytre, Haverfordwest and Penybont all recording comfortable home wins on Saturday, Barry's result at Victoria Road (in front of a crowd of 238) kept the chasing pack narrowly at bay, ahead of the visit of sixth-placed Cambrian and Clydach this coming weekend.

While Barry and Cambrian are still to meet in the league during this current campaign, the side did contest a hard-fought Nathaniel MG Cup tie in the picturesque Rhonda earlier in the season; a match the Town trailed in for more than an hour, before powering through to win in extra-time.

Barry meanwhile also hold a Nathaniel MG Cup win over Haverfordwest during 2016-17, but were held to a frustrating stalemate in August's corresponding league fixture at Bridge Meadow; suggesting a difficult encounter could be in store when the two teams meet on Tuesday.

The Bluebirds of west Wales come to the Vale of Glamorgan having won their last five fixtures, after kicking off 2017 with a thrilling 5-5 draw down the road at Caerau Ely (another club with aspirations of Welsh League Division one silverware, sitting five points off the pace heading into the weekend).

Though Barry represented themselves well in January's Nathaniel MG Cup Final, it can be suggested that every game is a final now for the Jenner Park club this season, with a total of 30 precious points to play for between now and the end of the campaign.

With this in mind, it is hoped that a pair of large crowds will turn out to support them this week, as Gavin Chesterfield's team pursue the Town's first Welsh League Division One title since 1993-94.

Admission for the crunch home fixtures against Cambrian on Saturday 11th March and Haverfordwest on Tuesday 14th will be available via the Gladstone Road and Barry Road turnstiles at £5 per match, with the usual concessions for senior citizens, students and children.

BARRY AND DISTRICT LEAGUE RESULTS

CRIB DIVISION 1

West End 7; Wyndham Cons 8; Moors Boys 7; Liberals 8; Rhose Social 8; Cadoxton Cons 7.

League Table – Liberals 147; Moors Boys 132; Rhose Social 131; Wyndham Cons 127; West End Runaways 122; West End 115; Cadoxton Cons 111.

SKITTLES DIVISION 1

Sea View B 2; King William XII 5; Allsorts 2½; West End D 4½; Slammers 6; Rhose Social 1; Rhose Social A 1; West End C 6; Liberals C 6; Barries Boys 1; Rhosesters 5; Rugby Club 2; Rhose Social B 2; Cambrian Flyers 5.

League Table – West End C 80.0; West End D 79.0; King William XII 74.5; Allsorts

71.5; Sea View B 70.0; Rugby Club 68.0; Rhosesters 66.5; Rhose Social C 62.5; Barries Boys 62.0; Rhose Social B 56.0; Slammers 54.5; Rhose Social A 51.5; Liberals C 50.5; Cambrian Flyers 44.5; Liberals A 40.0.

SNOOKER DIVISION 1

Services Social B 3; Penarth Cons B 2; Wyndham Cons A 3; Savoy A 2; Harbour B 4; Rhose Social C 1; Cadoxton Cons Z 4; Cadoxton Cons B 1; West End C 3; Penarth Cons A 2.

League Table – Harbour B 79; Savoy A 72; Cadoxton Cons Z 60; Wyndham Cons A 53; Cadoxton Cons B 50; West End C 45; Rhose Social B 42; Penarth Cons A 39; Penarth Cons B 31; Services Social B 30,

Rhose Social C 29.

SNOOKER DIVISION 2

Sully Sports A 0; Savoy B 5; Cadoxton Cons A 3; Harbour A 2; Liberals A 4; Market Street C 1; Market Street B 3; West End B 2; Wyndham Cons D 1; Wyndham Cons C 4.

League Table – Liberals 66; Savoy B 63; Wyndham Cons C 63; Market Street B 56; Harbour A 55; Cadoxton Cons A 51; Market Street C 46; West End B 40; Wyndham Cons D 37; West End A 35; Sully Sports A 33.

* = Points deducted

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